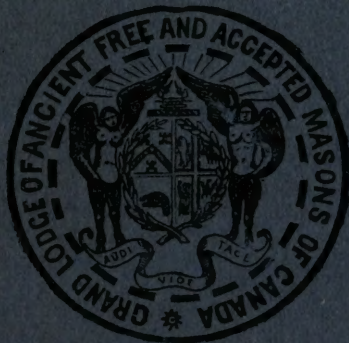


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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Village of Hanover, on Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of July, A.D. 1904, A.L. 5904.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. M. J. McPherson	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Pinkerton.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. J. B. Young.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Horace E. Bray.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. P. Zinn.....	as Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Stewart, M. D.....	as Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. John Mitchell.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. S. Knechtel.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. John Mills.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson.....	as Grand Dir. of cer.
W. Bro. C. J. Mickle.....	as Grand Organist.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Scott.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. C. M. Bowman.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. C. W. Witthun	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. M. S. Armstrong.....	
Bro. Chas. Kuchner.....	
W. Bro. J. H. Bunt.....	
W. Bro. G. Sirrs.....	
R. W. Bro. J. A. McPherson.....	} as Grand Tyler.
W. Bro. Sutherland.....	

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 11 o'clock a. m. by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hanover.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was

called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions in the northeast corner of the building.

The Pastor of the Church, the Rev. Anthony L. Budge, then addressed the M. W. the Grand Master, and requested him to lay the corner stone of the church according to ancient custom.

After the Grand Master's reply, and the presentation to him of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone was proceeded with.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 28th Day of July, A. D. 1904, and the 4th year of the
reign of our Gracious Sovereign.

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland and the British Dominions
beyond the seas, Defender of the Faith,
Emperor of India, etc.

The Rt. Hon. GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT, Earl of Minto, P. C.,
G. C. M. G., being Gov.-General of Canada.

The Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARKE being Lieut.-Governor
of Ontario.

The Rt. Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, P. C., G. C. M. G.,
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. G. W. ROSS, M. P.P., being Premier of the Province
of Ontario.

MATTHEW K. RICHARDSON, M. P. for the South Riding
County of Grey.

Bro. DAVID JAMIESON being M. P.P. for the South Riding
County of Grey.

The Rt. Rev. GEO. M. MILLIGAN, D. D., being Moderator of
the General Assembly.

The Rev. AUSTIN L. BUDGE, M. A., being minister at
Hanover.

JOSEPH PRINGLE, ESQ., being Warden of the County
of Grey.

Bro. W. A. MEARNS, M. D., being Reeve of the Village of
Hanover.

M. W. Bro. BENJ. ALLEN, being G. M. of the Grand Lodge of
Canada in Ontario, A. F. & A. M.

Rt. W. Bro. M. J. McPHERSON being D. D. G. M. 5th Masonic
S. H. District.

This Corner Stone

OF THE ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT HANOVER

Was laid by M. W. Bro. Benj. Allen, Grand Master A. F. & A. M., assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the village of Hanover and of the counties of Grey and Bruce.

BRO. W. A. MEARN, M. D. } Church Trustees.
W. BRO. JOHN SUTHERLAND, }

BRO. JOS. E. COOMBES, Church Secretary.

HUGH MURRAY, P. G. M., Grand Secretary Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing the coins of the Dominion, together with a copy of the Presbyterian Record, the Globe, the Mail and Empire, the Post, the voters' list, and the financial statement of the Village of Hanover in the cavity of the stone.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The Grand Master then delivered an oration suitable to the occasion. On the invitation of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, addressed a few words to the assembled audience. Grand honors were then given and the Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing.

After Mr. C. J. Mickle delivered an address on behalf of the church officials, the procession reformed, the brethren repairing to the lodge-room, when the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Village of Dunnville, on Wednesday, the third day of August, A.D. 1904, A.L. 5904.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen.....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. I. P. Wilson.....	as Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. W. F. Bald.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. William Kennedy	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Samuel Amsden.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
Rev. Bro. Gabriel Johnstone, D.D....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. David Ross.....	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. James Old.....	as Grand Registrar.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. John Scholfield.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Bro. J. Leubsdorf.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. W. Scholfield.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. J. C. Eccles	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. T. Marshall.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. N. Shaffley.....	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. John Cohoe.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. A. Couper.....	as Grand Tyler.
W. Bro. R. Greenwood.....	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. A. M. Clark.....	
W. Bro. S. W. Brown.....	
W. Bro. B. Bunn.....	
W. Bro. W. T. Anthony.....	
W. Bro. H. Arrell.....	

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at one o'clock afternoon, by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the foundation stone of the Dunnville Public School.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

An address was then presented by the Reeve of Dunnville to the M. W. the Grand Master.

After the Grand Master's reply thereto, and the presentation to him of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded with.

The Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Grand Architect
of the Universe.**

On the Third day of August, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904, the fourth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

His Excellency, the EARL OF MINTO, being Governor-General of Canada.

The Honorable MORTIMER CLARKE, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable GEORGE W. ROSS, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Honorable RICHARD HARCOURT, being Minister of Education in the Province of Ontario.

CHARLES WEBSTER WINSLOW being Mayor of the Town of Dunnville.

M. W. Bro. BENJAMIN ALLEN, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. W. F. BALD, D. D. G. M. of the Tenth Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

OF THE DUNNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Was laid by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, in the presence of a large concourse of the inhabitants of the Town of Dunnville and vicinity.

G. H. BRITT, Chairman.
 W. L. WEATHERBY.
 G. T. BLACKWELL.
 W. D. SWAYZE.
 F. R. LALOR.
 THOMAS MARSHALL.
 W. D. COLBERRY, Secretary.

Dunnville Public
 School Board.

HUGH MURRAY, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada.

Dunnville, Ont., third day of August, A. D., 1904.

The Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing the coins of the Dominion in the cavity of the stone, together with certain newspapers and records.

The Grand Wardens and the D. G. M. applied the implements of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The Grand Master then delivered an oration suitable to the occasion. The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing, and the procession was reformed, the brethren repairing to the Masonic Hall, where the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
 Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the Village of Kinlough on Thursday,
the 18th day of August, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904.*

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray. P.G.M.....	as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor.....	as Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. M. J. McPherson.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
V. W. Bro. H. Days.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
V. W. Bro. E. Miller.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. J. B. Wallwin.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. H. G. Armstrong.....	as Grand Treasurer.
V. W. Bro. J. A. Macpherson.....	as Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. J. C. Cooke.....	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. James Bryan.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. W. J. Bruce.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. Frank Collins.....	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. Hugh Morrison.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. D. Patterson.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. J. Morrison.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. A. M. Spence.....	} as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. Walter Wilson.....	
W. Bro. A. Salmon.....	
Bro. R. Baird.....	
Bro. S. Henry.....	} as Grand Stewards.
Bro. David Taylor.....	
Bro. Samuel Robertson.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 4.30 o'clock afternoon, by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Past Grand Master, who announced that he was commissioned by the M. W. the Grand Master to call this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge to assist him in laying the corner stone of Ascension Episcopal Church, called the Church of Ascension.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site under prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

An address was then presented by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. A. A. Bice, B. A., to the Acting M. W. Grand Master.

KINLOUGH, August 18th, 1904.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada :

It is with great pleasure that, on behalf of the congregation of this church, I welcome you and the members of the Fraternity of Masons, to lay, with the time-honored forms and ceremonies of your Craft, the corner-stone of this building.

We appreciate your presence and feel honored in your according to our request, and trust that while you are with us your visit may be both profitable and enjoyable.

Signed on behalf of the congregation of the Church of Ascension, Kinlough.

After the Acting Grand Master's reply thereto the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded with.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 18th day of August, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904, the fourth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

His Excellency, LORD MINTO, being Governor-General of Canada.

HON. MORTIMER CLARKE, being Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

HON. GEO. W. ROSS, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

JOHN TOLMIE, M. P., being name of political Minister.
Right Rev. MAURICE S. BALDWIN, by divine permission
Lord Bishop of Huron.

Rev. A. A. BICE, B. A., being rector of this parish.
McCHARLES, ESQ., being Warden of the County of Bruce.
M. W. Bro. BENJAMIN ALLEN, Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province
of Ontario.

M. J. McPHERSON, District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th
Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

OF THE CHURCH OF ASCENSION, KINLOUGH.

was laid by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Past Grand Master, as
sisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a
large concourse of brethren and inhabitants
of the County of Bruce.

REV. A. A. BICE, B. A. THOMAS ATKINSON. HUGH TAYLOR. WESLEY BOYLE. JOHN HODGINS. WILLIAM McLEAN, Secretary. Building Committee. HARRY HALDENBY. WM. PERCY.	}	Wardens.
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HUGH MURRAY, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary Grand
Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada.

Kinlough, Ont., 18th day of August, 1904.

The Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial contain-
ing the coins of the Dominion, together with copies of
certain papers and records.

The Acting Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Mas-
ter applied the implements of their office to the stone after
it had been placed in position, and announced that the
Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone
with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made,
truly aid, well proved, true and trusty.

The Acting Grand Master then delivered an oration suitable to the occasion.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing, and the procession was reformed, the brethren returning to the Masonic Hall, when the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

ATTEST:



Augh Murray

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

At the Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Hamilton, commencing on Wednesday, the Nineteenth day of July, A. D. 1905, A. L. 5905.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C.

R. W. Bro. Thomas W. Lester.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. J. D. H. Browne.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. W. L. Baynes-Reid...	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C.....	Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. Lud. K. Cameron.....	Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. J. H. Macabe.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. N. R. Miller.....	Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. J. M. Cornell.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. J. B. Way.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker.....	Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. J. A. Fraser.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. Alex. Morris.....	} Grand Stewards.
V. W. Bro. John Ridley.....	
V. W. Bro. Richard Dorsett.....	
V. W. Bro. Frank A. Clark.....	
W. Bro. J. W. Armstrong.....	as
V. W. Bro. William Shafer.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
Bro. William Tocher.....	Grand Tyler.
Historian of Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson.	

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

		District No.	
R. W. Bro. D. F. Webster.....	Erie	1	
" S. W. Trussler.....	St. Clair	"	2
" Henry Roe.....	London	" -	3
" Geo. Malcolm.....	South Huron	"	4
" M. J. McPherson.....	North Huron	"	5
" S. Y. Taylor.....	Wilson	"	6
" John W. Porteous.....	Wellington	"	7
" Fred. Walter.....	Hamilton	"	8

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

"	E. A. Wakefield.....	Georgian	District No. 9
"	W. F. Bald.....	Niagara	" 10
"	E. J. B. Duncan.....	Toronto West	" 11
"	J. J. Thompson.....	Toronto East	" 11a
"	P. H. Punshon.....	Ontario	" 12
"	J. E. Hallowell.....	Prince Edward	" 13
"	J. A. Minnes.....	Frontenac	" 14
"	G. B. Magee.....	St. Lawrence	" 15
"	S. A. Luke.....	Ottawa	" 16
"	W. A. Weir.....	Algoma	" 17
"	W. W. McPhee.....	Muskoka	" 19
"	R. H. Hanes.....	Eastern	" 21

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson.....	England.
M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen.....	Ireland.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	British Columbia.
R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson.....	New Brunswick.
M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. Gibson.....	Quebec.
R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell.....	New South Wales.
R. W. Bro. L. Secord, M.D.....	New Zealand.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C.....	South Australia.
R. W. Bro. Alfred E. Webster.....	Tasmania.
R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed.....	Alabama.
R. W. Bro. J. G. Hegler, K.C.....	Arkansas.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson.....	Connecticut.
M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, K.C.....	District of Columbia.
M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K.C.....	Georgia.
R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw.....	Illinois.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C.....	Indiana.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid.....	Kansas.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, K.C.....	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. C. N. Postlethwaite.....	Maine.
R. W. Bro. Aubrey White.....	Maryland.
R. W. Bro. A. H. Clark.....	Michigan.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson.....	Minnesota.
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, K. C.....	Missouri.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, K.C.....	Montana.
R. W. Bro. William Roaf.....	Nebraska.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C.....	New Jersey.
R. W. Bro. William Rea.....	New Mexico.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	New York.
R. W. Bro. John Hoodless.....	North Carolina.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar.....	North Dakota.
R. W. Bro. Burley Burch.....	Ohio.
R. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb.....	South Carolina.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C.....	South Dakota.
R. W. Bro. Jas. McLachlan.....	Tennessee.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C.....	Texas.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C.....	Utah.
R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke.....	Vermont.
R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson.....	Washington.
M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C.....	West Virginia.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson.....	Brazil.
R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait.....	The Island of Cuba.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES	FROM GRAND LODGE OF
R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, M.A.....	Hungary.
M. W. Bro. Richard T. Walkem, K.C.....	Peru.
R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper.....	Porto Rico.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- Past Grand Masters**—A. A. Stevenson, Hon. J. K. Kerr, Hugh Murray, Henry Robertson, Richard T. Walkem, J. Ross Robertson, Hon. J. M. Gibson, W. R. White. Hon. William Gibson, E. T. Malone, J. E. Harding, Benjamin Allen, William A. Sutherland.
- Past District Deputy Grand Masters**—J. A. C. Anderson, J. C. Bartle, Geo. J. Bennett, William Birrell, Edward Burns, D. D. Campbell, R. M. Cassells, A. N. Clark, S. S. Clutton, R. W. G. Conelly, A. E. Cooper, Alexander Cowan, W. Cowan, A. W. Crysler, A. M. Cunningham, C. V. Emory, M. D., E. T. Essery, W. J. Ferguson, E. Fitzgerald, A. T. Freed, W. J. French, W. D. Garner, James Glanville, F. Guest, M. D., R. L. Gunn, Alexander Hess, W. R. Hickey, Geo. C. Holden, John Hoodless, Isaac Huber, R. A. Hutchison, F. G. Inwood, Robert Irvine, W. Jaques, Albert Johnson, H. J. Johnston, William Kennedy, M.D., F. A. Latshaw, James G. Liddell, R. W. Longmore, Thomas McCallum, W. H. McFadden, W. D. McPherson, Donald McPhie, J. A. Macfadden, D. F. Macwatt, M. Mahoney, John Malloy, W. F. Miles, D. B. Miller, W. F. Miller, Richard Mills, John Nettleton, Thomas Newell, H. A. Nicholls, J. B. Nixon, William Rea, W. G. Reid, William Roaf, D. Robertson, W. H. Robinson, James Ryan, W. B. Saunders, Abraham Shaw, J. M. Shaw, J. N. Shearer, D. B. Simpson, T. A. Simpson, F. J. Skinner, James Smiley, Gavin Stewart, R. M. Stuart, George Tait, W. T. Toner, W. H. Walkey, James Wamsley, John Watson, A. F. Webster, Aubrey White, George B. White, Ed. Worth, R. E. Wood, A. J. Young.
- Past Grand Senior Wardens**—Thos. Clappison, W. G. Eakins, T. W. Lester, A. W. Porte, L. Secord, G. R. Vanzant.
- Past Grand Junior Wardens**—R. W. Dewar, William Forbes, Alex. Gibson, R. V. Matthews, J. B. Rankin.
- Past Grand Chaplains**—W. L. Armitage, George Crystal.
- Past Grand Treasurers**—Hugh Murray.
- Past Grand Registrars**—Thomas M. Davis, Malcolm Gibbs, Fred. C. Martin.
- Past Grand Junior Deacons**—H. A. Taylor.
- Past Grand Director of Ceremonies**—A. G. Harwood, Hugh Hyndman, Jr., A. T. Neill.
- Past Grand Sword Bearers**—J. Y. Egan, W. W. Greenfield, J. B. Way.
- Past Grand Pursuivants**—N. M. Moore.
- Past Grand Stewards**—M. Akers, T. G. Davis, F. Davy Diamond, John H. Dickenson, J. H. Herring, James McNeill, J. Newton, James Old, John Richardson, John Ridley, F. H. Royce, N. Shafftle, W. H. Smith, James Stewart.
- Past Grand Standard Bearers**—H. D. Leask, W. J. McAllister, John Purcell.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge Sanford D. Biggar, Esq., Mayor and the members of the City Council were introduced, when His Worship the Mayor welcomed Grand Lodge to Hamilton, as follows:

Most Worshipful Brother and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada :

It is a great pleasure indeed, to me, to be permitted to extend to you, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, a most cordial and brotherly welcome. We in Hamilton pride ourselves upon being closely allied with this Grand Lodge. It was here 50 years ago that the Grand Lodge of Canada had its inception, and your growth and development have been a matter of satisfaction to us. You now, I believe, have over 30,000 members in this Province to celebrate your semi-centennial. In Hamilton we are personally proud in the knowledge that the men who helped to build up the Grand Lodge are the same men who have worked for the educational and industrial progress of our city, which have kept pace with the growth of Grand Lodge. Grand Master and members, I once more give you a hearty welcome.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, in replying, said:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen:

I feel fully assured as to the genuineness of the welcome extended by you to Grand Lodge. I know the weather is very warm, and the welcome which you have just accorded to Grand Lodge, if it turns out to be as warm, as I have no doubt it will, the members of Grand Lodge will fully appreciate it. This is the fiftieth anniversary of our Grand Lodge. It was in this city, as the Mayor has intimated, fifty years ago, less two or three months, that the first session of Grand Lodge was held, and it is eminently fitting that the semi-centennial session should also be held in this city. I need not tell you of the growth of our Order, because I see that you are one of ourselves. You are all members of the Craft, and need I say that we are all peaceful and law-abiding citizens, and that not a member of this Grand Lodge, I am surè, will disgrace your city. I do not think I need to take up the time of Grand Lodge in any lengthy way referring to the financial growth of your city, yet I must say in one respect, at least, your city stands unique in Canada, possessing as it does gentlemen who have encouraged manufactories of different kinds to locate here. You have a city of manufactories of which you ought to be proud. Your development has been remarkable, and industrially the city's growth has been phenomenal. To-day it is a leader in Canada in this respect. I congratulate you on being the Mayor of this city. One need not stretch the imagination very far to see the wonderful strides you have made during the past fifty years, and may you in the

coming fifty years make as great strides. I wish you success, and I hope that your duties will enable you, within the next two days, to come and spend a few hours with us. I thank you for your reception.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 11.15 o'clock a. m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The Worshipful Masters of the Hamilton Lodges, headed by W. Bro. George Moore, then presented the following address of welcome:

To the Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Allen, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

The brethren of the Masonic lodges of Hamilton are gratified at the opportunity afforded them by the fiftieth annual communication of Grand Lodge to welcome you to the Ambitious City, and to assure you of their esteem and affection.

The decision of Grand Lodge to meet in Hamilton on this occasion was felt to be peculiarly fitting, in view of the fact that it was at a meeting held in this city fifty years ago that the organization of an independent Grand Lodge in this jurisdiction was consummated. As it was then the birthplace of the governing body of the Masonry in Canada, Hamilton ever since has been in the forefront of Masonic activity, and aside from the special reasons which exist for satisfaction that this annual communication is held here, we wish to assure you of our continued loyalty to Grand Lodge, and to tender you a hearty and fraternal greeting. These sentiments toward the members of Grand Lodge and to the visitors who have accompanied them are shared by all citizens of Hamilton, who welcome you to their beautiful city, and hope your stay will be pleasant. We trust you will find time to enjoy its manifold attractions, and to visit some of the industrial establishments, which will be open to your inspection.

During the fifty years of its existence Grand Lodge has been honored by a succession of rulers who have presided over its deliberations with credit to themselves and great benefit to the Craft. In that illustrious line of eminent and distinguished brethren, you, Most Worshipful Sir, hold a worthy place, and the lodges in Hamilton, knowing by long experience of your valuable service to our noble Order, and of these qualities of head and heart which have endeared you to all, deem it an added privilege to greet you as an occupant of the grand east.

We trust that this annual communication of Grand Lodge may round out fittingly its half-century of excellent work for Masonry, that harmony may prevail in all its discussions, and

that its decisions may be such as will warrant a continuation of that loyalty which has ever been accorded it by the brethren under its jurisdiction.

GEORGE MOORE,

W. M. Barton Lodge, No. 6.

FRANK HILLS,

W. M. the Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27.

C. H. ZIMMERMAN,

W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 40.

W. W. BARLOW,

W. M. Acacia Lodge, No. 61.

E. F. LAZIER,

W. M. Temple Lodge, No. 324.

DAVID R. GIBSON,

W. M. Doric Lodge, No. 382.

JOHN HOOPER.

W. M. Dundurn Lodge, U. D.

The Grand Master, replying to the address, said:

I must say that I have had many opportunities of being present at your lodge meetings, and I have yet to see where more harmony and greater unity prevail than among the members of the Hamilton lodges. My only difficulty has been to find who is the Worshipful Master of the lodge which I have been visiting, for the Masters present of the different Lodges have all taken a deep interest in the work of the evening. In following out the ideals you have adopted your work will always be a credit to the Craft. This city is the Mecca of Masonry. There is no portion of the Masonic jurisdiction where Masonry is carried out better than here. I thank you very heartily indeed for your kind address of welcome this morning.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bros. William Roaf, J. A. Minnes, J. J. Thompson, Fred. Walter, W. J. Ferguson, J. M. Shaw and V. W. Bro. A. K. Wanless, the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from lodges, reported that there are 386 warranted lodges on the register; 240 are represented by their duly qualified officers; 96 are represented by proxy; 14 are not represented by proxy but have Past Masters present; 35 are unrepresented in any way. There are 1,176 names registered, having a total of 1,720 votes.

The following are the names of those present:

No. 2.

Niagara, Niagara.

Bro. J. Dew Randall, S. W.; W. Bros. J. H. Brown, J. G. Rosseax, J. G. Bottomley and W. E. Randall, P. M's.

No. 3.

The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.

W. Bro. Geo. Creegan, W. M.; M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, R. W. Bro. J. A. Minnes and W. Bro. G. W. Gaden, P.M's.

No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.

W. Bro. Henry Rath, W. M.; W. Bros. J. A. Laidlaw and J. S. Dodds, P. M's.

No. 6. The Barton, Hamilton.

W. Bro. Geo. Moore, W. M.; Bro. J. W. Sutherland, S. W.; Bro. George Armstrong, J. W.; R. W. Bros. John Hoodless, Gavin Stewart, A. T. Freed, Thos. Clappison, T. C. McNabb, W. Bros. R. Hobson, Geo. H. Bull, C. E. Cameron, James Weir, R. B. Griffith, E. M. Donovan, W. J. Grant, E. G. Zealand, James Bicknell, Fred. Johnson, H. S. Griffin, F. B. Ross, D. McMillan, J. J. Evel and M. W. Bro. William Gibson, P. M's.

No. 7. Union, Grimsby.

W. Bro. A. F. Hawke, W. M.; Bro. W. B. Calder, S. W.; R. W. Bros. William Forbes, W. J. Drope, W. Bros. A. C. Cole, W. F. Clarke, W. F. Randall and E. S. Farrell, P. M's.

No. 9. Union, Napanee.

W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, W. M.

No. 10. Norfolk, Simcoe.

Bro. W. C. Everett, S. W., and R. W. Bro. T. R. Atkinson, P. M.

No. 11. Moir, Belleville.

W. Bro. E. F. Milburn, W. M.

No. 14. True Britons, Perth.

W. Bro. W. J. McKerracher, W. M.

No. 15. St. George's, St. Catharines.

W. Bro. Jas. G. Harris, Proxy; W. Bros. Alex McLaren, H. O. Loughlin and C. H. Connor, P. M's.

No. 16. St. Andrew's, Toronto.

W. Bro. Dr. Burwash, W. M.; Bro. A. E. Hagerman, S. W.; R. W. Bros. George Tait, James Glanville and W. Bros. H. T. Smith, W. C. Wilkinson, John Pearson, David Carlyle, L. H. Luke and J. S. Lovell, P. M's.

No. 18. Prince Edward, Picton.

W. Bro. G. M. Hermiston, W. M.; Bro. D. J. Barker, S. W.; W. Bros. W. T. Shaw and R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, P. M's.

No. 20. St. John's, London.

W. Bro. J. G. Tamblin, W. M.; Bro. Thos. Rowe, S. W.; W. Bros. J. A. Tancock and R. W. Evans, P. M's.

No. 21a. St. John's, Vankleek Hill.

W. Bro. Charles J. Bennett, W. M.; W. Bros. H. C. Jones and S. W. Morrison, P. M's.

No. 22. King Solomon's, Toronto.

Bro. W. Stinson, J. W.; M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker, W. Bros. N. T. Lyon, J. Hollingworth, J. McKerracher, William Anderson and John Hall, P. M's.

No. 23. Richmond, Richmond Hill.

W. Bro. D. Hill, W. M.; Bros. T. A. Lemmon, S. W.; W. A. Wright, J. W.; R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, V. W. Bro. T. A. Newton, W. Bros. P. G. Savage and T. H. French, P. M's.

No. 24. St. Francis, Smith's Falls.

W. Bros. William Hyndman, Proxy, and G. T. Martin, P. M's.

No. 25. Ionic, Toronto.

R. W. Bros. C. N. Postlethwaite, Proxy, W. Geo. Eakins, William Roaf, A. W. Porte, George J. Bennett, E. B. Brown, V. W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson, W. Bros. S. T. Bastedo, F. W. Harcourt and R. R. Lockhart, P. M's.

No. 26. Ontario, Port Hope.

W. Bro. F. H. Brown, W. M.

No. 27. Strict Observance, Hamilton.

W. Bro. Frank Hills, W. M.; Bros. Andrew Cowan, S. W.; J. A. Yorick, J. W.; R. W. Bros. T. W. Lester, R. L. Gunn, Thos. M. Davis, R. A. Hutchison, V. W. Bro. J. H. Herring, W. Bros. E. J. Moore, J. J. Hobson, W. E. LaChance, F. J. Howell, G. W. Kappel, F. F. Dalley, W. C. Morton, G. R. Lloyd and W. Parke, P. M's.

No. 28. Mount Zion, Kemptville.

W. Bro. A. Langstaff, Proxy, P. M.

No. 29. United, Brighton.

W. Bro. A. E. M. Lovett, W. M.

No. 30. Composite, Whitby.

W. Bro. W. J. H. Richardson, W. M.; Bro. J. J. Lynde, J. W., and W. Bro. F. Hatch, P. M.

No. 31. Jerusalem, Bowmanville.

Bro. J. S. Moorcraft, W. M., and R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, P. M.

No. 32. Amity, Dunnville.

W. Bro. E. J. Aikens, W. M.; Bro. J. G. Witten, J. W.; R. W. Bro. R. G. W. Conolly, W. Bros. J. C. Eccles, T. Marshall, J. A. Scholfield and J. W. Scholfield, P. M's.

No. 33. Maitland, Goderich.

W. Bro. J. Galt, W. M.; Bro. W. F. Gallow, S. W.

No. 34. Thistle, Amherstburg.

W. Bro. A. W. Marsh, W. M., and C. M. Christianson, P. M.

No. 35. St. John's, Cayuga.

W. Bro. Benj. Bunn, W. M.; Bro. E. S. Baxter, J. W.; W. Bros. J. W. Shepherd and J. A. Hoshal, P. M's.

No. 37. King Hiram, Ingersoll.

W. Bro. J. W. Patterson, W. M.

No. 38. Trent, Trenton.

W. Bro. J. H. Campbell, W. M., and R. H. Spencer, P. M.

No. 39. Mount Zion, Brooklin.

W. Bro. Chas. Calder, W. M.; Bro. John Bright, J. W., and W. Bro. Dr. Moore, P. M.

No. 40. St. John's, Hamilton.

W. Bro. C. H. Zimmerman, W. M.; Bro. John T. Wilson, S. W.; R. W. Bros. W. F. Miller, R. M. Stuart, W. G. Reid, Thos. McCallum, William Birrell, John Malloy, Donald McPhie, V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, W. Bros. L. Johnston, A. P. Nicoll, J. F. Mercer, P. A. Somerville, J. E. Weber, A. Rutherford, J. E. Riddell, Robt. Douglas, Albert Pain, J. T. Crawford, C. W. W. Fielding and Jas. Chisholm, P. M's.

No. 41. St. George's, Kingsville.

W. Bro. F. J. Voaden, W. M.; Bro. E. A. Brown, S. W.

No. 42. St. George's, London.

W. Bro. W. A. Tanner, W. M.; W. Bros. William Hayman and A. G. Stephens, P. M's.

No. 43. King Solomon's, Woodstock.

W. Bro. F. W. McBean, W. M.; Bro. John McGachie, S. W.; V. W. Bro. A. McGachie, W. Bros. F. Minns and W. F. Hodges, P. M's.

No. 44. St. Thomas, St. Thomas.

W. Bro. P. S. Minshall, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Henry Roe and W. Bro. A. Leitch, P. M's.

No. 45. Brant, Brantford.

W. Bro. Dr. Gamble, W. M., and W. Bro. J. P. Hough, P. M.

No. 46. Wellington, Chatham.

W. Bro. A. E. Jewett, W. M., and W. Bro. Geo. B. Crumb, P. M.

No. 47. Great Western, Windsor.

W. Bro. Arthur W. Kilpatrick, W. M.; Bro. W. N. Garfield, J. W.; R. W. Bros. W. F. Miller, George E. White and W. Bro. D. L. Carley, P. M's.

No. 48. Madoc, Madoc.

W. Bro. A. H. M. Connor, W. M.

No. 52. Dalhousie, Ottawa.

W. Bro. J. S. Scott, W. M., and R. W. Bro. G. S. May, P. M.

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W. Bro. Jas. B. McLean, W. M.; Bro. T. H. Keyes, J. W.

No. 55. Merrickville, Merrickville.

W. Bro. W. J. Johnston, W. M.; Bro. G. R. Putnam, J. W.; R. W. Bro. G. B. Magee, W. Bros. A. Langstaff and John Dunlop, P. M's.

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Lang, James Muir and George Bush, P. M's.
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Bros. J. C. Barker and J. J. Smyth, P. M's.
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S. W.; Ernest E. Linger, J. W.; M. W. Bro. Hugh Mur-
ray, R. W. Bros. G. C. Holden, R. V. Mathews, V. W.
Bro. A. T. Neill, W. W. Greenhill, W. Bros. J. B. Smith,
John Nicoll, Thos. E. Epps, David Hastings, F. H. Yapp,
Lyman Lee, A. R. Whyte, A. S. Levy, S. A. Morgan, C.
O. Nichol, J. H. Smith, S. H. Kent and A. E. Manning,
P. M's.
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Bro. C. E. Donaghy, P. M's.
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and A. S. Gorrell, P. M's.
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Buchner, P. M.
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W. Bros. W. H. Blight, G. H. Mitchell, W. J. Graham, D.
D. Grierson, A. McBean and R. W. Clewlo, P. M's.
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R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Proxy.
- No. 69. Stirling, Stirling.**
W. Bro. S. S. Ashley, W. M., and R. W. Bro. J. C. Halli-
wall, P. M.
- No. 72. Alma, Galt.**
W. Bro. P. Henderson, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteo-
us, W. Bros. D. Collins and C. R. Despard, P. M's.
- No. 73. St. James, St. Mary's.**
W. Bro. A. C. Jackson, W. M., and W. Bro. Jas Chal-
mers P. M.
- No. 74. St. James, Bethel.**
W. Bro. Robert Edwards, Proxy, and W. Bro. C. H. Fitz-
simmons, P. M.
- No. 75. St. John's, Toronto.**
W. Bro. A. Frazer, W. M.; W. Bros. John Ewan, Spencer
Love, J. H. McKinnon, H. S. King, C. E. Howarth, W.
Simpson and A. Frazer, P. M's.

- No. 76. Oxford, Woodstock.**
W. Bro. W. J. Pannell, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Fred. C. Martin and W. Bro. J. W. Dutton, P. M's.
- No. 77. Faithful Brethren, Lindsay.**
W. Bro. A. Williamson, Proxy, and M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding.
- No. 79. Simcoe, Bradford.**
R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Proxy, and W. Bro. J. S. Boddy, P. M.
- No. 81. St. John's, Mount Brydges.**
W. Bro. T. A. McEvoy, W. M.
- No. 82. St. John's, Paris.**
R. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Proxy; W. Bros. W. W. Patterson and F. Hammond, P. M's.
- No. 83. Beaver, Strathroy.**
W. Bro. H. C. Pope, W. M., and V. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, P. M.
- No. 84. Clinton, Clinton.**
W. Bro. R. A. Bartin, P. M.
- No. 85. Rising, Sun, Athens.**
W. Bro. W. H. Waddell, Proxy.
- No. 86. Wilson, Toronto.**
W. Bro. B. Segsworth, W. M.; W. Bros. E. M. Carleton, Geo. McLeish, J. W. Johnson, Henry Sheard J. W. Siddall and G. Moira, P. M's.
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W. Bro. J. B. Gould, Proxy, and W. Bro. F. A. Reesor, P. M.
- No. 88. St. George's Owen Sound.**
W. Bro. H. M. Little, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Jas McLaughlan and W. Bro. Allan Cameron, P. M's.
- No. 90. Manito, Collingwood.**
W. Bro. A. H. Johnston, W. M.; R. W. Bros. John Nettleton, W. T. Toner, M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson and W. Bro. A. D. Knight, P. M's.
- No. 91. Colborne, Colborne.**
W. Bro. F. L. Webb, W. M.; Bro. H. S. Keyes, J. W.
- No. 92. Cararaqui, Kingston.**
W. Bro. A. E. Frape, W. M.; Bro. John Pearson, J. W.; R. W. Bro. A. Shaw and W. Bro. C. S. Wheeler, P. M's.
- No. 93. Northern Light, Kincardine.**
R. W. Bro. M. J. MacPherson and W. Bro. E. Miller, P. M's.
- No. 94. St. Mark's, Port Stanley.**
R. W. Bro. Henry Roe, Proxy.
- No. 96. Corinthian, Barrie.**
W. Bro. J. Shrubsole, W. M.; Bro. Donald Ross, S. W.; R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Alex. Cowan, W. Bros. J. C. Irwin and S. Wesley, P. M's.

- No. 97. Sharon, Sharon.**
W. Bro. W. G. Hill, W. M.
- No. 98. True Blue, Bolton.**
W. Bros. John McCabe, G. C. Martin, W. T. Hackett and F. M. Leavens, P. M's.
- No. 99. Tuscan, Newmarket.**
W. Bro. J. P. T. Lee, P. M.
- No. 100. Valley, Dundas.**
W. Bro. W. N. Bates, W. M.; Bros. John Bibby, S. W.; E. A. Irving, J. W.; R. W. Bro. F. A. Latshaw, W. Bros. Wm. Lawson, M. D. Leeson and C. Hetherington, P. M's.
- No. 101. Corinthian, Peterboro.**
W. Bro. H. R. H. Kenner, W. M.; R. W. Bros. R. E. Woods and Alex. Gilson, P. M's.
- No. 103. Maple Leaf, St. Catharines.**
W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf, Proxy; R. W. Bro. H. J. Johnston, W. Bros. Harry Southcott, A. J. Gilmour and E. W. Potter, P. M's.
- No. 104. St. John's, Norwich.**
W. Bro. C. G. Hulet, W. M., and W. Bro. Austin D. Ellis, P. M.
- No. 105. St. Mark's, Niagara Falls South.**
Bro. H. M. Dart, J. W.; R. W. Bro. W. D. Garner and W. Bro. R. G. Murray, P. M's.
- No. 106. Burford, Burford.**
W. Bro. Chas. Pratt, W. M.; Bro. Frank Leigh, J. W.; R. W. Bro. W. F. Miles and W. Bro. Geo. Armstrong, P. M's.
- No. 107. St. Paul's, Lambeth.**
W. Bro. J. H. Crinklaw, W. M.; Bro. J. C. Love, J. W.
- No. 108. Blenheim, Princeton.**
W. Bro. J. O. Reid, W. M., and R. W. Bro. Jas. Smiley, P. M.
- No. 109. Albion, Harrowsmith.**
W. Bro. F. S. Ruttan, W. M.
- No. 110. Central, Prescott.**
W. Bro. Chas. Baker, W. M.
- No. 113. Wilson, Waterford.**
R. W. Bro. Jas. Ross, Proxy; W. Bro. Geo. Pearce and Wm. McGuire, P. M's.
- No. 114. Hope, Port Hope.**
W. Bro. V. B. Coleman, W. M.
- No. 115. Ivy, Beamsville.**
W. Bro. G. S. Karr, W. M.; R. W. Bro. T. A. Simpson, W. Bros. John Burch, John Ritchie, F. S. Prudhomme and John Gibson, P. M's.
- No. 116. Cassia, Thedford.**
W. Bro. John D. Morrison, Proxy.

- No. 118. Union, Schomberg.**
W. Bro. S. Leatherland, Proxy.
- No. 119. Maple Leaf, Bath.**
Bro. William Tuckett, J. W.
- No. 120. Warren, Fingal.**
W. Bro. W. L. Silcox, W. M., and R. W. Bro. F. Guest, P. M.
- No. 121. Doric, Brantford.**
W. Bro. G. W. Baird, W. M.; R. W. Bros. J. G. Liddell, W. F. Bald, L. Secord, W. Bros. W. H. Ingle, W. R. McCormack, J. D. Harley and M. Wilbee, P. M's.
- No. 122. Renfrew, Renfrew.**
W. Bro. H. Collican, W. M.
- No. 123. The Belleville, Belleville.**
W. Bro. James S. Peck, W. M.; W. Bros. W. M. Ponton and Henry Pringle, P. M's.
- No. 125. Cornwall, Cornwall.**
V. W. Bro. John Ridley, Proxy.
- No. 126. Golden Rule, Campbellford.**
W. Bro. R. Lowry, Proxy.
- No. 127. Franck, Frankford.**
W. Bro. H. V. Malone, W. M.
- No. 128. Pembroke, Pembroke.**
R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Proxy; M. W. Bro. W. R. White, V. W. Bro. Alex. Morris and W. Bro. J. G. Forgie, P. M's.
- No. 129. The Rising Sun, Aurora.**
W. Bro. W. H. Birchard, W. M.; W. Bros. H. J. Charles, J. C. Leadbetter, A. E. Taylor and E. Braund, P. M's.
- No. 131. St. Lawrence, Southampton.**
W. Bro. James Dundas, Proxy, and W. Bro. Donald Ross, P. M's.
- No. 133. Lebanon Forest, Exeter.**
W. Bro. W. C. Huston, W. M.; Bro. W. J. Heaman, S. W.; V. W. Bro. M. Akers, W. Bros. T. A. Amos, L. H. Dickson, J. A. Stewart, P. Gowns, C. H. Saunders and F. R. Carling, P. M's.
- No. 135. St. Clair, Milton.**
W. Bro. J. H. Peacock, W. M.; Bro. W. J. Crozier, S. W.; V. W. Bro. James Fraser, W. Bros. J. H. McCallum, A. B. McDougall, John Somerville, R. Coatts, R. K. Anderson, W. Panton and Jos. E. Bates, P. M's.
- No. 136. Richardson, Stouffville.**
W. Bro. A. P. Bruce, Proxy, and W. Bro. D. C. Smith, P. M's.
- No. 137. Pythagoras, Meaford.**
V. W. Bro. F. A. Clark, Proxy.

- No. 139. Lebanon, Oshawa.**
W. Bro. W. E. N. Sinclair, W. M.; Bro. T. H. McMurtry, S. W.; R. W. Bro. H. P. Punshon and W. Bro. T. J. Sheridan, P. M's.
- No. 140. Malahide, Aylmer.**
W. Bro. E. E. C. Kilmer, Proxy, and V. W. Bro. John Richardson, P. M's.
- No. 141. Tudor, Mitchell.**
W. Bro. T. E. Henry, W. M.; W. Bro. Wm. Shafer and C. H. Meryville, P. M's.
- No. 143. Friendly Brothers, Iroquois.**
W. Bro. George H. Parlow, Proxy.
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W. Bro. Salem Coons, W. M., and W. Bro. A. Sweet, P.M.

No. 384. Alpha, Toronto.

W. Bro. Jas. Leach, W. M.; Bro. R. E. Port, S. W.; W.
Bros. R. Thompson and J. J. Berchard, P. M's.

No. 386. McColl, West Lorne.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Webster and W. Bro. P. A. McVicar,
P. M's.

No. 387. Lansdowne, Lansdowne.

W. Bro. H. Rath, Proxy.

No. 389. Crystal Fountain, North Augusta.

W. Bro. W. H. Waddell, Proxy.

No. 390. Florence, Florence.

W. Bro. E. B. Brown, P. M.

No. 391. Howard, Ridgetown.

W. Bro. C. A. Dunkley, W. M., and R. W. Bro. J. A. C.
Anderson, P. M.

No. 392. Huron, Camlachie.

W. Bro. William Burnley, W. M.; R. W. Bro. S. W.
Trussler, W. Bros. J. W. Symington and C. O. Trussler,
P. M's.

No. 393. Forest, Chesley.

W. Bro. W. J. Ferguson, Proxy.

No. 394. King Solomon, Thamesford.

W. Bro. M. J. Morrison, W. M., and W. Bros. Francis
Patterson, R. F. O'Neil and J. S. Robinson, P. M's.

No. 395. Parvain, Comber.

W. Bro. R. Anderson, Proxy; W. Bro. A. J. Brown, P.M.

No. 396. Cedar, Wiarton.

R. W. Bro. Jas. Walmsley, Proxy; R. W. Bro. W. J. Fer-
guson, V. W. Bro. N. M. Moore, W. Bros. S. J. Cameron
and J. W. McKinney, P. M's.

- No. 397. Leopold, Brigden.**
W. Bro. J. W. McDonald, W. M.
- No. 398. Victoria, Kirkfield.**
W. Bro. E. Mosgrove, Proxy.
- No. 399. Moffat, Harrietsville.**
W. Bro. William Barr, W. M.
- No. 400. Oakville, Oakville.**
W. Bro. W. A. Chisholm, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. H. Robinson and W. Bro. J. C. Ford, P. M's.
- No. 402. Central, Essex.**
W. Bro. C. Kreighoff, W. M., and R. W. Bro. A. N. Clark, P. M.
- No. 403. Windsor, Windsor.**
W. Bro. A. D. Barr, W. M.; Bros. A. Miers, S. W.; A. D. Bowlby, J. W.; W. Bros. C. Koellin and R. H. Revell, P. M's.
- No. 404. Lorne, Tamworth.**
W. Bro. James Aylesworth, Proxy.
- No. 406. The Spry, Fenelon Falls.**
W. Bro. W. H. Robson, W. M., and R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, P. M.
- No. 409. Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.**
W. Bro. F. Hornsby, W. M., and W. W. McPhie, P. M.
- No. 410. Zeta, Toronto.**
W. Bro. D. Grigg, W. M.; Bros. E. Barber, S. W.; J. G. Cane, J. W.; W. Bros. W. R. Cavell and T. G. Malcolm, P. M's.
- No. 411. Rodney, Rodney.**
W. Bro. N. S. Lusty, Proxy, and W. Bro. J. B. Stinson, P. M.
- No. 412. Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.**
W. Bro. D. W. Green, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. D. H. Browne, V. W. Bro. J. B. Way, W. Bros. C. A. Leaney and C. F. Farwell, P. M's.
- No. 413. Naphtali, Tilbury Centre.**
W. Bro. A. Stenson, Proxy.
- No. 414. Pequonga, Kenora.**
R. W. Bro. W. A. Weir, Proxy.
- No. 415. Fort William, Fort William.**
W. Bro. E. D. Higginbottom, W. M.
- No. 417. Keewatin, Keewatin Mills.**
R. W. Bro. W. A. Weir, Proxy.
- No. 418. Maxville, Maxville.**
W. Bro. Geo. Chalmers, W. M.
- No. 419. Bismarck, Point Edward.**
W. Bro. J. B. Livingston, W. M., and W. Bros. W. McCleister and D. W. McKenzie, P. M's.

- No. 420. Nipissing, North Bay.**
W. Bro. G. W. Lee, W. M., and V. W. Bro. H. D. Leask, P. M.
- No. 421. Scott, Grand Valley.**
W. Bro. Jas. McClelland, W. M., and W. Bros. J. A. V. Preston and R. R. Hopkins, P. M's.
- No. 422. Star of the East Bothwell.**
R. W. Bro. W. R. Hickey, Proxy, and W. Bro. J. B. Murrich, P. M.
- No. 423. Strong, Sundridge.**
W. Bro. A. Carmichael, Proxy.
- No. 424. Doric, Pickering.**
W. Bro. R. M. Bateman, Proxy.
- No. 425. St. Clair, Sombra.**
W. Bro. W. W. Storer, W. M.
- No. 426. Stanley, W. Toronto Junction.**
Bro. Thos. Ferguson, S. W.; W. Bros. John Colvin, W. J. Sheppard, A. H. Royce, John Patterson, J. R. Royce, F. J. White, John Haggas, A. J. Anderson and J. W. Wansbrough, P. M's.
- No. 427. Nickel, Sudbury.**
W. Bro. W. A. Evans, W. M., and W. Bro. R. Dorsett, P. M.
- No. 428. Fidelity Port Perry.**
W. Bro. H. G. Hutcheson, P. M.
- No. 429. Port Elgin, Port Elgin.**
W. Bro. G. W. Smith, Proxy.
- No. 430. Acacia, East Toronto.**
W. Bro. E. Brownlee, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. L. Baynes-Reed and V. W. Bro. John Parsell, P. M's.
- No. 431. Moravian, Eden Grove.**
W. Bro. Thos. Pinkerton, Proxy.
- No. 432. Hanover, Hanover.**
W. Bro. M. S. Armstrong, W. M.; Bro. Chas. Kichner, J. W.; W. Bro. C. H. Witthun, P. M.
- No. 434. Algonquin, Elmsdale.**
W. Bro. A. W. Freeland, W. M., and W. Bro. J. L. Adams, P. M.
- No. 435. Havelock, Havelock.**
W. Bro. W. B. Ritchie, W. M.; Bro. A. Kinewasser, J. W.; W. Bros. James Dorricott and Elias Williams, P. M's.
- No. 437. Tuscan, Sarnia.**
W. Bro. William Shaw, W. M.; Bro. A. Joss, J. W.; W. Bros. S. G. Cornell, William Oldham, W. J. Barrie, J. Boyd and Wm. Shaw, P. M's.

- No. 438. Harmony, Toronto.**
Bro. A. F. Sprott, J. W.: R. W. Bros. J. B. Nixon, Lud. K. Cameron, E. C. Davis and V. W. Bro. J. Y. Egan, P. M's.
- No. 439. Alexandria, Alexandria.**
W. Bro. Geo. Chalmers, Proxy.
- No. 440. Arcadia, Minden.**
W. Bro. John Welch, W. M., and V. W. Bro. J. W. Watson, P. M.
- No. 441. Westport, Westport.**
W. Bro. A. W. Grey, P. M.
- No. 442. Dymont, Thessalon.**
W. Bro. A. R. Code, Proxy.
- No. 443. Powassan Powassan.**
W. Bro. A. H. Porter, Proxy, and W. Bro. S. Phillips, P. M's.
- No. 444. Nitetis, Creemore.**
W. Bro. J. Flack, Proxy.
- No. 445. Lake of the Woods Kenora.**
R. W. Bro. W. A. Weir, Proxy.
- No. 446. Granite, Fort Francis.**
W. Bro. J. W. Armstrong, Proxy.
- No. 447. Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.**
W. Bro. G. W. McFarland, W. M., and R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, P. M.
- No. 449. Dundalk, Dundalk.**
W. Bro. J. A. Rosebrough, W. M., and W. Bro. F. J. Vandusen, P. M.
- No. 450. Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury.**
R. W. Bro. Abbott Johnson, Proxy.
- No. 451. Somerville, Kinmount.**
W. Bro. George Train, W. M.
- No. 452. Avonmore, Avonmore.**
W. Bro. A. M. Fulton, Proxy.
- No. 453. Royal, Fort William.**
W. Bro. A. M. McNaughton, W. M.
- No. 454. Corona, Burk's Falls.**
W. Bro. Jas. Hillier, W. M.
- No. 456. Elma, Monkton.**
W. Bro. Geo. Golightly, W. M.
- No. 459. Cobden, Cobden.**
W. Bro. R. Dillahey, W. M.
- No. 460. Rideau, Seeley's Bay.**
W. Bro. R. J. Gardiner, W. M.
- No. 461. Ionic, Rainy River.**
R. W. Bro. W. T. Toner, Proxy.

No. 463. North Entrance, Haliburton.

W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, Proxy.

No. 464. King Edward, Sunderland.

W. Bro. G. C. Beall, W. M., and R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, P. M.

No. 465. Carleton, Carp.

W. Bro. G. N. Kidd, W. M.; Bro. T. A. Brown, J. W.

No. 466. Coronation, Elmvale.

W. Bro. W. F. W. Lent, W. M.; Bro. W. A. Sneath, S.W.

No. 467. Tottenham, Tottenham.

W. Bro. John McCabe, W. M.

No. 469. Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie.

W. Bro. C. F. Farewell, W. M.

No. 470. Victoria, Victoria Harbor.

W. Bro. E. B. Brown, W. M.

No. 471. King Edward VII. Chippewa.

W. Bro. G. W. Brown, W. M.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the gallery of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last annual communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge at the 49th Annual Communication, held in the Town of Brockville, on the 20th and 21st days of July, A. D. 1904, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to subordinate lodges, the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several especial communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the minute book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. Gibson introduced M. W. Bro. John Rowson, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Charles Stevens, of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K. C., introduced M. W. Bro. W. A. Sutherland, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and R. W. Bro. Hungerford Smith, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. B. Allen, said: We are delighted to welcome you to-day among us. I am very glad to be able to receive our Representative to the Grand Lodge of New York, R. W. Bro. Hungerford Smith. He is one of our best representatives. I wish to say a word here, as I think it is fair to the distinguished brother, I appealed to the Grand Master of the State of New York on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother, who had died in our city, for the payment of some insurance money, and M. W. Bro. Robinson kindly volunteered, without any expense whatever, to take the matter up. He would have carried it, I am sure, to a successful issue in the courts if it had been required. However, the matter was agreeably settled and I am glad to be able to testify to his kind assistance. I am glad to welcome our distinguished visitors here. In a few moments we shall hear from them. (Applause.) M. W. Bro. Stevenson will say something to the Grand Master of the State of Michigan.

M. W. Bro. Colonel A. A. Stevenson: I am a little taken back by the announcement made by our Grand Master in deputing me to extend greetings to our distinguished visitor from Michigan. He could have done it in much better style than I, but he could not be more sincere in his good wishes to the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan or to the Grand Master of that State than I. We are indebted to the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan, for the Grand Master of that State, on the day when our Grand Lodge was formed fifty years ago came to Hamilton and installed the Grand Lodge Officers of our new Grand Lodge. I do not know if there is anything in a name, some people say there is. However, it was a good thing to have M. W. Bro. Backus at the "back of us" then. (Applause.) It was a good act of that Most Worshipful Grand Master, and it is not forgotten and never will be by us. The weather is a little warm, but no warmer than the welcome we give now to you.

M. W. Bro. John Rowson, Grand Master of Michigan, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren, I thank you most heartily for this cordial welcome to the Grand Lodge of Canada and on behalf of the fifty-two thousand Masons of the State of Michigan. I thank you also for the invitation to be present on this occasion to assist in celebrating with you the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Most Worshipful Sir and brethren, I feel to-day that I am back once more to my old stumping ground, for fifty years ago, on the 24th day of last May, near the little town of Port Hope, a most beautiful spot to me, I was ushered on to this earth. For twenty-five years I took great delight and pleasure in celebrating Queen Victoria's birthday, that noble woman, and also celebrating my own. (Applause.) On the 24th day of last May in the city of Detroit I was elected and installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Michigan, on my fiftieth birthday, and I come to you to-day to assist you and myself in celebrating this auspicious occasion.

I am delighted to meet my brother Masons of Canada, and although I am well acquainted with many of them, yet I have had the pleasure of a long acquaintance with the Past Grand Master of the State of New York, M. W. Bro. Sutherland. On the occasion of the visit of M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson to Detroit, in June of this year, I promised I would pay this fraternal visit to your Grand Lodge in the city of Hamilton, and I believe we will have a hot time while I remain.

I do not know that I can say anything more only I am indeed pleased to be present on this occasion, and I hope and pray that our flags, your flag and my flag, may always be unfurled in peace, brotherly love and prosperity throughout all time. (Applause.)

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Allen then called upon M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem to extend greetings to the representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, M. W. Bro. W. A. Sutherland.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem said: As a Past Grand Master of the State of New York we welcome M. W. Bro. Sutherland. I know Bro. Sutherland personally, and for the few years I have known him he has endeared himself very much to me indeed. He is a thoroughly good Mason. I congratulate Bro. Sutherland on the eminent position he occupies in the State of New York as Past Grand Master. I also congratulate the State of New York in having had such a Grand Master. I am introducing him as representing the State of New York, not as a member of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and I will say that we are very much pleased to have him as a representative of that State in attendance at Grand Lodge to-day. I listened with considerable interest to the state-

ment of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan with regard to the number of brethren in that State, but Bro. Sutherland is from a State where there are one hundred and thirty-two thousand Masons. There is only an imaginary line between us. Your presence here assists in advancing the interest of the Craft on both sides of the line. I welcome you, Bro. Sutherland, as representing the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. I extend to you hearty greetings and hope that you will always have a lively affection for the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. Bro. Sutherland in reply said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Sirs, and beloved brethren all, I find myself like the little daughter of a very absent-minded professor at Columbia University, whose father sitting in the park one afternoon was accosted by a maid in charge of a little girl and asked to look after that little girl for a few moments. The absent-minded professor after a while finding that the maid did not return, cast about as to what to do with the little girl, and finally took her to his home, but as he went up the steps of his residence he was met by his wife, who exclaimed: "Why, there is Florence; where have you been with her?" and the professor replied "I thought somehow her face seemed familiar."

It seems to me that when I was just now introduced some of you at least must have thought that my face seemed familiar. However, any one may be proud to be introduced to the Grand Lodge of Canada. Our Most Worshipful brother may glory in the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and I in my own mother Grand Lodge, and members of other Grand Lodges in any other part of the habitable globe may take just pride in their own, but when a man stands here among the Freemasons of Canada he is among glorious men, and if he indeed be a man he must indeed feel at home.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan and the Grand Lodge of New York give greetings to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and it is of little moment whether our membership be thirty-five thousand or fifty thousand or one hundred and thirty-two thousand. You know the story of the darky down south, who, after our Civil war, concluded that he would like to be legally married. So he said to

his old master on whose plantation he was still employed, "I want a license for to get married." His old master told him that he would be going to town the next day and would get him a license, and the following afternoon the license was produced and Sambo was told that it would cost a dollar. The license being read to him the darkey discovered that it contained the name of Sarah Jane, whereupon the darkey said, "Whv, Massa, I ain't gwine to marry Sarah Jane, I'se gwine to marry Julia Ann." Upon this his old master informed him that it would be necessary to surrender that license and take out another in the name of Julia Ann, and that it would cost him another dollar. Whereupon the darkey said, "Well, never mind about that, Massa, I'll take the license with Sarah Jane for there aint a dollar's difference atween em air gals."

It matters not whether we are registered under one Grand Lodge or another, we are all Freemasons, enlisted in the same cause, serving the same God, and carrying out the same grand principles. We do indeed clasp our hands as brethren, in fact, across what is but an invisible border between us. The minor and immaterial differences in local government and local laws which distinguish one part of our common country from another, do not render us strangers nor affect the strength of the ties which bind us.

True, this part of my country where you live is called Canada, and that part of your country and mine where our Most Worshipful brother (the Grand Master of Michigan) lives is called Michigan, and my home happens to be located in that part of our Father's domain which is called Rochester, in the State of New York; but nevertheless we are all of one family, members of one household, children of one Father, and furthermore bound together by the mystic ties of Freemasonry.

As such it would seem that the Divine Hand is guiding us as comparatively one people to do His service in the advancement and uplifting of mankind. Here on the American continent, it would seem, has been deposited the leaven which is to leaven the whole world, for from our shores flow forth streams of influence penetrating to the far, far east; and the thousand miles of sea coast of British Columbia, those thousands of miles of sea coast

belonging to the United States, daily and almost hourly receive pilgrims from the Orient coming into and under the influence of our Anglo-Saxon civilization. That civilization has itself been molded and fashioned as well as leavened by the teachings of Freemasonry, and the Grand Lodge of Canada has its part to perform in the great work which our Heavenly Father has given us to do in the forefront of evangelizing the world. Aptly indeed then may we all address the fair and snow-capped queen of our hearts, the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the words of Mordecai to Esther, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this!" Brethren, let us be true to Grand Lodge, to country, and to God. (Applause.)

M. W. Bro. Sutherland, at the request of the Grand Master, presented R. W. Bro. Hungerford Smith to the Grand Lodge in the following words: I have the unusual pleasure of performing a real introductory ceremony, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that is, I have the very distinguished honor now of presenting my long timed personal friend, noble man and glorious Mason and distinguished citizen of the Commonwealth of the State of New York, who has the honor of being your representative to the Grand Lodge of that State, R. W. Bro. Hungerford Smith. It is with assured satisfaction as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York we welcome you. Our brethren await your pleasure and your words.

R. W. Bro. Hungerford Smith said: Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, you know what reasonable degree of sympathy I must expect from you when following M. W. Bro. Sutherland in his address. I confess I feel something like the man whose early education had been neglected. He fell in the water, as he came up he gasped for breath, and seeing a man on the dock said, "Save me, I cannot swim." "Neither can I," said the man, "but I am not hollering about it." I am not hollering, of course, but yet I have a most difficult task before me in speaking after so eloquent a brother. I am charged, most Worshipful Sir, with a pleasing and honorable mission. It is my duty to convey to you, not only the greetings of the Grand Master but of one hundred and thirty-two thousand Masons from the State of New

York. We bid you God speed, and may you have a happy semi-centennial and much prosperity.

As I look into the faces of this magnificent body of men I am persuaded more fully that Masonry stands alone above all human organized societies in the known world. The artisan, the employer, and the most learned professors are found within the portals of our Lodges. His Majesty, the King of England, is a Mason, and His Excellency, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, is also a Mason. Ninety per cent. of the law makers of the United States are Masons, and I understand that the same percentage also prevails throughout the other portions of the English speaking world. With this great force the battle for humanity for the highest ideals of mankind is going on among us. I trust the prosperity of this great country will ever go on.

Brethren, I wish at this time to thank you for the high honor that was conferred upon me in 1902 by M. W. Bro. Harding, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in appointing me the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. There is no jurisdiction upon the face of the earth that I would take more pleasure in representing than this Grand Lodge. I shall attend to the duties of the position faithfully so long as you desire. I am glad to be with you to-day. (Applause.)

R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, I have great pleasure in introducing R. W. Bro. Chas. L. Stevens, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, who is to-day honoring us with his presence.

R. W. Bro. Charles L. Stevens said: Brethren of Grand Lodge, after those brethren who have spoken before, if your representative near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York felt embarrassed, what about me? Well, I am reminded of a story of the Scotchman, who is said to have frequently attended Bobby Burns Lodge. After one of the occasions when in a muddled condition he came to say his prayers, as it was his custom, it was terrible hard work, and his companion asked him what was the matter and he said: "I cannot mind a damn word of my prayers." I know you will pardon me when I say I feel somewhat like that.

I am glad to be here. I am glad to look into your faces and know that you are brethren. Well, there is nothing

in this world like our noble Order. You know that the Nazarene, the only perfect life, laid down as a maxim, Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bind up the broken hearted. Through some inadvertance I was not provided with an apron. Masonically speaking I was naked and your custodian clothed me. You carried out that precept, and one of the noblest things on earth is to live for our fellow creatures. These sublime principles are taught in every Lodge in the world, that is, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the broken hearted. There are two standards draped in loving embrace. (Referring to the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes draped above the Grand Master's Throne.) They represent different countries and we are from different countries, but we are one in Masonry. I thank you, Most Worshipful Sir and brethren, for your kindness in listening to me.

Grand honors were accorded the distinguished brethren, after which the brethren of Grand Lodge sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS OF REGRET.

Letters and telegrams expressing regret at their inability to attend were read from

Chief Justice Fitzgibbon, representative to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

James Grierson, representative to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

W. J. Bowser, Grand Master Grand Lodge British Columbia.

William Dalby, representative to Grand Lodge British Columbia.

The Bishop of Rupert's Land, representative to Grand Lodge Manitoba.

Edwin J. Everitt, Grand Master Grand Lodge New Brunswick.

Hon. William Ross, Grand Master Grand Lodge Nova Scotia.

Thomas Mowbray, representative to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Hon. John Yeo, representative to the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

D. A. Manson, Grand Master Grand Lodge Quebec.

Isaac H. Stearns, representative to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

John B. Tressider, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Hugh Chaplin, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Maine.

Benjamin L. Hadley, representative Grand Lodge of Maine.

Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge Michigan.

J. W. French, representative Grand Lodge Michigan.

Frank H. Robinson, Grand Master Grand Lodge New York.

James I. Buchanan, of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Charles R. Woodward, Grand Representative Grand Lodge Ohio.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem said: I have just returned from a trip to Australia. I was commissioned while there to bring congratulations from the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of South Australia and of New South Wales to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and I do so with a great deal of pleasure.

M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, in welcoming the representatives who were present, of the various Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Canada, said: They were a fine body of men, and the Grand Lodge of Canada welcomed them as the representatives of their several Grand Lodges.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

It gives me great pleasure to meet you assembled in such large numbers, as the representatives of Masonry in this Province, and to welcome you fraternally to the Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada. At the close of a year remarkable for material progress, characterized by the growth of Masonic zeal, and unmarred by discord or any untoward incident—a year of peace, happiness and prosperity, we have every reason for satisfaction with the condition and continued advancement of our beloved institution, always remembering the gratitude we owe to

the Great Architect of the Universe, whose blessing we cannot but feel has rested on our labors.

But, inspiring as our gathering must have been under these circumstances alone, it possesses for us much greater interest this year than is attached to the usual Annual Communication, for in connection with it this Grand Lodge celebrates the semi-centennial of its birth. Fifty years ago to-day was taken the preliminary step which resulted in the establishment of Canadian Masonry on an independent basis, and the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. On July 19th, 1855, at a meeting of representative Masons held at Niagara Falls, it was resolved that a convention of delegates should be held at the City of Hamilton in October following, "for the purpose of considering the expediency of establishing an Independent Grand Lodge of Canada, and to proceed with such matters as may be deemed most desirable for the benefit of Masonry in this Province." Of the causes which led to this momentous determination—looking, as it did, to separation from the parent Grand Lodge of England—I shall not now speak. They are matters of history well known to the Masonic student, and will doubtless be dealt with by the Historian of Grand Lodge in the address which he will presently give you. On such an auspicious occasion as this I need say little more than that whatever was painful in connection with them was soon forgotten on both sides, that the integrity and wisdom of the fathers of this Grand Lodge were speedily justified, and that the action taken by them then has resulted in greater blessing to the Craft in this country than even the most hopeful of them could possibly have anticipated.

At the convention held in this city of our meeting to-day, in the autumn of 1855, the forty-one Lodges there represented formally constituted themselves "The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada," whose declared purpose it was "to form perfect fraternal union and harmony, establish order, ensure tranquility, provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and secure to the fraternity of Canada all the blessings of Masonic privileges." The time has long since passed at which there might have been any question as to the carrying out of this noble purpose, but on such an occasion as this we may be pardoned if we stop

to reflect with pride upon the extent of that fulfilment. For the Mason of to-day, who knows no other conditions than those which our predecessors aimed to create, it may be difficult to realize and appreciate fully the intangible advantages which we enjoy as the fruit of the great change effected half a century ago. But he would be blind indeed who did not see on every hand the outward and visible signs of the progress of our Masonic institution—progress which during these years has never abated and the strides of which become ever greater as time goes on. In growth in numbers—though of itself alone not always a sure indication of real strength—the advance of our Order has been remarkable. The 1,500 Masons of the 41 Lodges of our first establishment have become about 35,000, comprising 390 lodges, notwithstanding the loss of over 40 lodges ceded to Quebec and Manitoba. We have yielded up a great territory, yet our membership has increased over twenty-fold. Again, in place of the poor, small, widely-scattered abiding places of the Lodges of fifty years ago, we have hundreds of spacious and handsome halls and rooms in all the cities, towns and larger villages of the Province. In these, with adequate, and in many cases luxurious appointments in the way of furniture, regalia, etc., our Lodges of to-day, well officered for the most part, with large memberships, full of enthusiasm, are carrying on the work in a manner of which we may justly be proud. We cannot rightly claim for ourselves, perhaps, greater zeal than our pioneer predecessors possessed, but we can at least congratulate ourselves upon the marvellous spread of their zeal, and take a proper pride in the present fruits of our continuance of their labors. In financial strength the progress of Grand Lodge has been equally marked. Beginning with not even sufficient funds with which to purchase regalia for its Grand Officers, and with an initial balance sheet showing receipts of only £93 and disbursements of but £64, Grand Lodge finds itself to-day, as the result of the sound policy of its rulers, possessed of a well invested capital of over \$110,000, while its Grand Treasurer presents a report for the past year showing receipts of \$39,362.85 and disbursements amounting to \$32,209.49. At the same time the record of Grand Lodge in the great matter of benevolence shows similar progress. The Grand Masters of the early years

handed out, in their discretion, the few dollars then available for charitable purposes. But, with increasing resources, the institution of the Benevolent Fund, and the creation of machinery for its distribution, this great department of Masonic work began to assume its proper place and proportions, and to-day, in the course of steady growth, we find that about \$14,000, or 50 per cent. of the moneys received by Grand Lodge from the Lodges in the ordinary course during the year has been paid out for the relief of the needy and deserving of the Craft.

It is unnecessary to go further. The facts are before us. It is eminently proper for us to review them with pride on this anniversary occasion. They should fill our hearts with thankfulness and with hope. Thankfulness to our fathers in Masonry who laid the foundations of Grand Lodge so well, and made possible the erection of so noble a superstructure, but above all to the Great Architect of the Universe, whose guiding hand must surely have rested upon us all these years. Hope for the future—a future whose possibilities of greatness and of good seem almost boundless. If in the past fifty years, begun amid doubts and difficulties, the Grand Lodge of Canada, under the blessing of God, has accomplished so much, what may it not hope for in the next half-century under the same Divine approval? Among the brethren present here to-day are doubtless some who will still be members of the Grand Lodge of Canada at its centennial celebration in 1955. What of progress in this Grand Lodge and in this Canada of ours they will live to see, who shall dare to say?

OUR GUESTS.

I feel peculiar pleasure in welcoming to this semi-centennial celebration, on behalf of Grand Lodge, the Grand Masters or other representatives of sister lodges who have honored us with their presence. The visitors from other Canadian jurisdictions will scarcely need assurance of their welcome, nor, indeed, should those from the Grand Lodges to the south of us. I particularly welcome the representatives of our neighbors, the Grand Lodges immediately across the border—Michigan, Vermont, New York and Ohio. To the Grand Lodges of Michigan and Vermont especially this Grand Lodge owes a lasting debt of gratitude. It was a Past Grand Master

of the former, M. W. Bro. Hon. H. T. Bachus, who on November 2nd, 1855, consecrated the Grand Lodge of Canada, installed its Grand Master and invested its other officers. The Grand Lodge of Vermont was the first of our sister Grand Lodges to nominate a representative to this Grand Lodge, and her Grand Master at that time, M. W. Bro. Philip C. Tucker, was one of the foremost of the champions of the Grand Lodge of Canada when recognition was being denied it and its legitimacy questioned. Our records inform us that he "propounded the masterpiece of historical deduction in defence of the constitutionality of the Grand Lodge of Canada." The eminent services of both of these distinguished brethren were early acknowledged by Grand Lodge by the gift of the honorary rank of Past Grand Master, and after the death of M. W. Bro. Tucker in 1861 Grand Lodge contributed to a fund for the erection of a monument to his memory. The Grand Lodges of New York and Ohio were more guarded in extending the right hand of fellowship to this Grand Lodge, but they did not long withhold their recognition, and their friendship as immediate neighbors has been highly esteemed. From the former we have with us, as usual of late years, M. W. Bro. W. A. Sutherland, P. G. M., N. Y., who as an honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, is now one of ourselves, and whose presence at our annual communications and at other times is always welcome.

DEATHS.

It is with sorrow that I have to record the fact that our death roll for the past twelve months includes the names of three members of Grand Lodge eminent for their services to Masonry and to their country. Within the short space of two months in the present year we have lost M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, D. S. O., P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Hon. James Sutherland, P. G. S. W., and V. W. Bro. Edward F. Clarke, M. P., P. G. S. D.

M. W. Bro. Tully was truly one of the veterans of the Craft, for even before the formation of this Grand Lodge—fifty years ago—he was a Mason of twelve years standing, and had attained the rank of Grand Senior Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West. Born in Ireland in 1820, he was initiated in Ancient Union Lodge, Limerick, in 1843. Coming to Canada in the

following year, he immediately affiliated himself with St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, of which he became Senior Deacon in 1845—sixty years ago. His career in Masonry was a most active one; in fact, his interest in the institution never languished. He occupied the chairs, at different times, of Ionic, King Solomon's and Wilson Lodges, of Toronto. He took a prominent part in the affairs of this Grand Lodge in its early years. In 1857 he was elected D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District, comprising all that portion of the Province between the rivers Credit and Trent. He was at his death the sole survivor of the fourteen members of the joint committee appointed in the same year to promote a union between the Ancient Grand Lodge, formerly the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, and the Grand Lodge of Canada. In that year also he was appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland to this Grand Lodge, which position he had ever since filled. From the same Grand Lodge he received the honorary rank of Past Grand Senior Warden, and in 1897 he was elected a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. In his professional capacity as architect to the Provincial Government for many years, and later as its consulting engineer, he was widely known in connection with the erection of public works. He was ever a zealous and faithful Mason, and, as one of the few remaining links between the past and the present of this Grand Lodge, we particularly feel his loss on this anniversary occasion. He departed this life April 24th, 1905.

R. W. Bro. James Sutherland, P. G. S. W., who died May 3rd last, and V. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, P. G. S. D., who passed away March 3rd, were men of high standing in both Masonry and the public life of this country. The former had represented North Oxford in the House of Commons for the past twenty-five years, and since 1899 had been a member of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, holding at the time of his death the portfolio of Public Works. V. W. Bro. Clarke had had the unique honor of being elected Mayor of Toronto for four successive terms, had represented one of the constituencies of that city in the Ontario Legislature from 1886 to 1894, and had thrice been elected to fill one of the Toronto seats in the House of Commons. Both were men of marked ability, sound judgment and strict integrity, and both en-

joyed extraordinary popularity among their fellows. They entered Masonry at the same age and in the same year—1871—R. W. Bro. Sutherland in Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, and V. W. Bro. Clarke in Rehoboam Lodge, Toronto. The former was elected Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge in 1891, and V. W. Bro. Clark was appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 1899. The manifold cares and duties of political life left these distinguished brethren but little time in their later years to devote to the interests of the Craft, but all who knew them recognized that they were true Masons and worthy brethren. Their taking away, while still apparently destined for many more years of useful public service, is sincerely mourned by their fellow countrymen, and by none more so than their brethren in Masonry.

Grand Lodge is called upon to mourn also the loss of one of its Grand Officers, V. W. Bro. A. B. Cordingly, Grand Standard Bearer, whom I had the pleasure of appointing to that office one year ago, and who died June 18th, 1905, after a painful illness. He was an enthusiastic member of Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto, the chair of which he filled in 1898.

Two active and prominent members of Grand Lodge of long standing have been taken from us in the persons of R. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, P. G. S. W., of London, who died July 10th, 1905, and R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Patterson, P. G. R., of Toronto, who passed away suddenly July 2nd, 1905. R. W. Bro. McWhinney had for many years been one of the pillars of Masonry in the west, and his services were recognized by Grand Lodge by his election to the office of Grand Senior Warden in 1900. R. W. Bro. Patterson had long been a prominent Craftsman in Toronto. He was a Past Master of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, and Wilson Lodge, No. 86, and also of Harmony Lodge, No. 438, of which he was the founder. He took a leading part in the settlement of the difficulty with the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, many of whose prominent members were "healed" in Harmony Lodge. For his services in this connection he was honored with the rank of Past Grand Registrar. Both of these brethren will be greatly missed by the Craft, not only in their respective localities, where they were highly esteemed, but also in Grand Lodge.

The names of other useful and prominent members of this Grand Lodge who have been taken from us during the year will be found in the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, as also those of a number of distinguished brethren of sister Grand Lodges, whose deaths have been announced to us. Among the latter I may mention M. W. Bro. David Christmas Moore, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; M. W. Bro. J. D. McLeverly, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, and M. W. Bro. Zenophon Ryland, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The latter two brethren were the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada near their respective Grand Lodges. To sister jurisdictions upon whom the hand of death has thus fallen our sympathy is sincerely given.

CORNER STONES.

I summoned especial communications of Grand Lodge to assist me in laying corner stones, as follows:

On the 28th July, 1904, at Hanover, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

On the 3rd August, 1904, at Dunnville, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new public school.

On the 18th August, 1904, at Kinlough, an Especial Communication was held for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Church of the Ascension (Anglican), M. W. Bro. Murray officiating.

I declined to lay the corner stone of a church in the city of Windsor for the reason that other societies were expected to take part.

OTHER ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By my direction other Especial Communications of Grand Lodge were held as follows:

On the 24th August, 1904, at Rainy River, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Ionic Lodge, No. 461, R. W. Bro. McFadden, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 14th October, 1904, at Carp, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Carleton Lodge, No. 465, R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 17th October, 1904, at New Liskeard, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, P. D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 21st October, 1904, at Seeley's Bay, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Rideau Lodge, No. 460, R. W. Bro. James A. Minnes, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 28th October, 1904, at Sunderland, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating King Edward Lodge, No. 464, R. W. Bro. P. H. Punshon, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 11th November, 1904, at Elmvale, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Coronation Lodge, No. 466, R. W. Bro. E. A. Wakefield, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 25th November, 1904, at Haliburton, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 30th December, 1904, at Gravenhurst, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, the Grand Master officiating.

On the 3rd January, 1905, at Consecon, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Consecon Lodge, No. 50, R. W. Bro. J. E. Halliwell, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 17th February, 1905, at Windsor, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, and Windsor Lodge, No. 403, the Grand Master officiating.

On the 17th May, 1905, at Beaverton, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Murray Lodge, No. 408, R. W. Bro. P. H. Punshon, D. D. G. M., officiating.

On the 14th June, 1905, at Tilsonburg, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, R. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, D. D. G. M., officiating.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Many invitations to visit Lodges I was unable to accept, my time being fully taken up, and I regret the disappointment which may have been caused the brethren whose hospitality I was thus obliged to decline. I need not take up the time of Grand Lodge with a complete list of the visits I made, but of some of them I desire to give a brief account, particularly those made to sister jurisdictions.

On August 15th, 1904, at the request of M. W. Bro. Harry H. Watson, P. G. M. of British Columbia, I visited

Cascade Lodge, No. 12, Vancouver, and was received by that distinguished and enthusiastic Mason in such a courteous and fraternal manner as to leave no doubt of the friendly relations existing between these two Grand Lodges.

On August 22nd a joint meeting of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, Vancouver Quadra Lodge, No. 2, of Victoria, and United Service Lodge, No. 24, of Esquimaux, was called in my honor in the City of Victoria under the auspices of Victoria Columbia Lodge. I was introduced by my good friend R. W. Bro. R. E. Brett, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and received by W. Bro. W. K. Houston, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Among those present were M. W. Bros. A. McKeown, R. B. McMicking, and Rev. Ensor Sharp, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and R. W. Bro. P. J. Riddle, D. D. G. M., and many other prominent brethren, among them, Bro. Rev. G. K. Adams, late of this city. A letter was read during the evening from M. W. Bro. W. J. Bowser, Grand Master, conveying his greetings to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and expressing his regret that his professional duties detained him in Vancouver.

On two occasions I visited the City of Rochester, N. Y., as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, one of them being on the 24th April last, when I had the pleasure of meeting M. W. Bro. Frank H. Robinson, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, and witnessing the ceremony of the conferring of the third degree on the son of that distinguished brother, and also on the sons of our own M. W. Bro. Wm. A. Sutherland, P. G. M. of New York, and Hon. P. G. M. of this Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. Hungerford Smith, P. G. S. D., and representative of this Grand Lodge, and Frank E. Woodworth, P. M. of the Frank R. Lawrence Lodge. M. W. Bro. Stevenson travelled from Montreal to be present on this occasion, and W. Bro. Jas. Haywood, of Toronto (accompanied me.

In the province of Quebec it was my privilege to visit St. George Lodge, No. 10, and Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 57, of Montreal, on the 7th March last, and to receive at the hands of the Worshipful Master of these Lodges a truly Masonic welcome. My enjoyment of the occasion was still further enhanced by the presence of M.

W. Bro. Stevenson. No greater testimony to the brother's worth could be given than the esteem in which he is held in his own city, and yet the love of his brethren there could not exceed that which the members of this Grand Lodge feel towards him.

I have been shown great kindness by M. W. Bro. Everett, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and brethren of his jurisdiction, as well as by those of Nova Scotia.

In my own jurisdiction my first visit, other than those made for the purpose of laying corner stones, was paid to my mother lodge, Ashlar, No. 247, Toronto, on 27th September, 1904. The attendance was the largest ever seen in their hall. Among the visitors present were M. W. Bros. H. Murray, E. T. Malone, D. J. Goggin, R. W. Bros. W. Geo. Eakins, Aubrey White, W. D. McPherson, E. B. Brown and many of the officers of Grand Lodge. V. W. Bro. N. R. Miller, Grand Superintendent of Works, was presented with the regalia of his office.

On October 10th I visited Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto, to assist in doing honor to M. W. Bro. Col. Stevenson, after whom the Lodge is named, when he was presented with a loving cup. On this occasion the guest of the evening worked the first degree in a most impressive manner.

On October 13th King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, made my visit the occasion to present to V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker, Grand Organist, the regalia of his office, and on November 3rd, Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, made a like presentation to V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, Grand Senior Deacon, on which occasion I was present.

On November 1st I visited Ionic Lodge, No. 25, and received a welcome equal to that of my mother Lodge.

On November 21st I visited Doric Lodge, No. 121, Hamilton, when the District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Fred. Walter, was presented with the regalia of his office.

On December 22nd I visited Stratford Lodge, No. 332, the occasion being a farewell to Bro. the Right Rev. David Williams, Bishop of Huron, who was removing to London.

On February 6th St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto, made my visit the occasion to present me with a beautifully illuminated and framed certificate of honorary membership in their Lodge.

On February 24th Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto, had the work of the first degree conferred on the son of W. Bro. Jas. Haywood, Worshipful Master of the Lodge, by the following brethren: M. W. Bros. Stevenson, Murray, White, Malone, Harding and Goggin, and R. W. Bro. Burritt, D. G. M. I had the honor of taking part in the work.

On March 2nd I visited Kingston, when the Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, and Minden Lodge, No. 253, tendered me a reception. They exemplified the work of the opening and closing in the three degrees, and worked the third degree in a manner which must have been most pleasing to the D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Jas. Minnes, who has been untiring in his efforts for the good of the Craft. M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem was present on this occasion.

On March 28th, Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, the occasion being marked by the presence of many distinguished brethren from all parts of Canada, amongst them being M. W. Bros. Hons. Wm. Gibson and J. K. Kerr, P. G. M.'s, and R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, D. D. G. M. of the Ottawa District.

On April 5th the eight Lodges in the City of London tendered me a reception, which was followed by a concert and dance, very much enjoyed and appreciated, particularly by the ladies.

On May 26th Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto, celebrated its twentieth anniversary. A most pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

I desire to express my deep appreciation of the kindness shown me on each of these and many other occasions during the past year, and especially to the brethren of Ashlar, No. 247; Ionic, No. 25; Stevenson, No. 218; St. John's, No. 75, all of Toronto; Doric, No. 58, Ottawa, the Lodges of the City of London, as well as to the companions of St. Paul's R. A. Chapter, and the brethren of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Toronto, for the tokens of their love and esteem so lavishly showered upon me.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Besides the regular officers of Grand Lodge whose names appear in the proceedings I appointed R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn as Auditor of the books of Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEES.

I appointed the following brethren as a Semi-Centennial Benevolence Committee to carry out the wishes of Grand Lodge expressed by resolution at the last Annual Communication: M. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Lindsay (Convener); M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton; R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and W. D. McPherson, Toronto; R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Pembroke, and R. W. Bro. J. B. Rankin, Chatham. They have performed most energetically every duty required of them, and it remains with the members of the Craft to make the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund a success or otherwise.

No provision having been made by Grand Lodge for the fitting celebration of its fiftieth anniversary, after consultation with the Past Grand Masters, I appointed the following brethren as a committee to act in conjunction with the brethren of Hamilton in making all arrangements for this meeting, and I have no doubt the result of their labors will meet with your approval: M. W. Bros. Hon. Wm. Gibson, Hugh Murray and E. T. Malone, and R. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, D. G. M., Aubrey White and W. Geo. Eakins, of Toronto; A. T. Freed and R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.

REPRESENTATIVES TO GRAND LODGE.

On my recommendation the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Hungary has appointed R. W. Bro. W. Geo. Eakins, of Toronto, as its representative near this Grand Lodge, in the place of R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson, who has removed from the jurisdiction.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, has appointed R. W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster, of Toronto, as its representative near this Grand Lodge, and in the Most Worshipful the Grand Master's address delivered on 24th February last is given a very interesting account of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland at its annual Communication held on 1st June last, did me the honor of appointing me as their representative near this Grand Lodge with the rank of Past Grand Warden, in the place of M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, deceased, an honor I esteem very highly. On receiving notification of my appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge

of Ireland—the land of my birth—I resigned the office of representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and recommended a distinguished member of Grand Lodge whose credentials have not yet arrived.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodges of Victoria and Oklahoma are unrepresented owing to the deaths of R. W. Bros. Hon. Jas. Sutherland and A. G. McWhinney.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGE.

I had pleasure in appointing W. Bro. John C. Ketcheson, Leavenworth, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Kansas in place of M. W. Bro. J. D. McClevarty, deceased.

I appointed M. W. Bro. Leroy B. Valliant as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in place of M. W. Bro. Zenophon Ryland, deceased.

REPRESENTATION DISCONTINUED.

The Grand Lodge of California at its annual session held on the 11th October, 1904, adopted the following resolution:

“It will be patent to any one who will give the matter of the appointment of representatives to and from other Grand Lodges proper consideration, that this custom is as useless as the appendix vermiciformis in the human body. It seems to us that the custom must have originated in a desire to decorate members with a mere title. The only proper way for one Grand Lodge to communicate with another is through the Grand Masters. Your committee can see no necessity for the continuance of the custom, and therefore recommend that it be abolished. Many of the Grand Lodges are dispensing therewith, and we think the Grand Lodge of California should do likewise.”

A copy of this resolution was sent to me through the Grand Secretary. I instructed the Grand Secretary to write to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California expressing my regret at the action of that Grand Lodge, and my hope that the fraternal relations that had heretofore existed might continue in the future.

I instructed the Grand Secretary to notify the representative of the Grand Lodge of California of the action taken by that body and to inform him that the representation of that Grand Lodge would from that date be discontinued.

RECOGNITION.

The question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was left over from last year to be dealt with at this Communication.

WARRANTS.

During the year I signed Warrants for the following Lodges:

Rideau, No. 460, Seeley's Bay, Frontenac District, No. 14.

Ionic, No. 461, Rainy River, Algoma District No. 17.

Temiscaming, No. 462, New Liskeard, Nipissing District, No. 18.

North Entrance, No. 463, Haliburton, Ontario District, No. 12.

King Edward, No. 464, Sunderland, Toronto East District No. 11a.

Carleton, No. 465, Carp, Ottawa District No. 16.

Coronation, No. 466, Elmdale, Georgian District No. 9.

DISPENSATIONS CONTINUED.

Peel Lodge, Caledon East, Toronto West District, No. 11.

Tottenham Lodge, Tottenham, Georgian District No. 9.

Victoria Lodge, Victoria Harbor, Georgian District, No. 9.

Algoma Lodge, Sault Ste. Marie, Nipissing District, No. 18.

In the case of Algoma Lodge I granted a new dispensation to take the place of the one granted by my predecessor, as the Master and one of the Wardens found it impossible to continue to act as officers of the Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

Gore Bay Lodge, Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, granted by Grand Lodge last year on the recommendation of the Committee on Warrants. This dispensation was held by R. W. Bro. McFadden, D. D. G. M., by my instructions, until such time as the brethren had a hall in which to meet. The Lodge was instituted by R. W. Bro. McFadden on the 24th May, 1905.

On October 22nd, 1904, I granted a dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge under the name of King Edward VII. Lodge at Chippewa in the Niagara District, No. 10.

On April 14th, 1905, I granted a dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge to be called The Beaches Lodge at Balmy Beach, Toronto East District, No. 11a.

On May 1st, 1905, I granted a dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge to be called Victoria Lodge, at Toronto Junction, Toronto West District, No. 11.

On June 1st, 1905, I granted dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge to be called Dundurn Lodge, in the City of Hamilton, Hamilton District, No. 8.

On June 28th, 1905, I granted a dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge to be called Corinthian Lodge, at North Gower, in the Ottawa District, No. 16.

I think these Lodges will be found to be working in a satisfactory manner. I had a request for a dispensation for a new lodge at Dungannon, in South Huron District, No. 4, and also for a dispensation for a new Lodge at Blind River, in Nipissing District, No. 18, but not being in possession of the necessary information I declined to grant them and referred them to the Committee on Warrants, and no doubt they will come before Grand Lodge at this meeting.

I declined to grant a dispensation to certain brethren to meet as a Lodge at Lynden in the Hamilton District, No. 8, for the reason that a Lodge affected thereby withheld its consent, and the D. D. G. M. could not recommend that the dispensation be granted.

DISPENSATIONS FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

I granted a dispensation to Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie, to initiate a candidate in the jurisdiction of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford. My reason for so doing was that Pythagoras Lodge consented; the candidate was to pay the \$10 fee for the dispensation, and the initiation fee was to be handed over to Pythagoras Lodge by Kerr Lodge, and the brother was to affiliate with Pythagoras Lodge.

I declined to grant a dispensation to Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland, to initiate a candidate in the jurisdiction of Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson; to Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton, to initiate a candidate in the jurisdiction of Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood; to Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, to initiate a candidate in the jurisdiction of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, and Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort Wil-

liam; to Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King, to initiate a candidate in the jurisdiction of Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill; to Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, to initiate a candidate under 21 years of age.

I declined to grant a dispensation to initiate a candidate in Aurora who had resided for some years immediately preceding his application in the City of Toronto and who was about to remove to Winnipeg; also to another Lodge to initiate a candidate who had for three years previously resided in the United States, and was only home three weeks, and intended to remove to Toronto.

I declined to grant a dispensation to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees upon a brother within the prescribed time because he was about to reside in a place 150 miles away from a Lodge.

I declined to grant a dispensation to a Lodge to hold its regular meeting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I granted a dispensation for a special meeting on condition that no application be received and no candidates balloted for.

On two occasions I declined to grant dispensations to receive a petition from or initiate a candidate with an artificial leg. I had not the power to grant such a dispensation, and, even if I had, the candidate could not have complied with the requirements of the work.

AT HOMES, BALLS, PICNICS, ETC.

I granted about 150 dispensations other than those already mentioned, a list of which will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

There seems to be a misapprehension as to what meetings can be held without a dispensation, and in many cases notices have been sent out for at homes, balls, picnics, excursions, euchre parties, etc., without asking for a dispensation. This, I contend, is unconstitutional. No meeting of the members of the Craft, as such, can be held, "whether Masonic clothing is worn or not," other than the regular and emergent meetings prescribed in the Book of Constitution, without the dispensation of the Grand Master.

BY-LAWS.

I examined, revised and confirmed the By-laws of the following Lodges:

Guelph, No. 258; Alpha, No. 384; Oakville, No. 400; Salem, No. 368; Pembroke, No. 128; Durham, No. 306; Cataraqui, No. 92; Wellington, No. 271; Ashlar, No. 247.

I examined, revised and confirmed amendments to the By-laws of thirty-six other Lodges, a list of which is given in the report of the Grand Secretary.

HEALING.

I instructed my deputy in each of three districts to heal a member of the late so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario.

WORKING DEGREES IN A SISTER JURISDICTION.

I have been asked to grant permission to a Lodge to work one of the degrees upon their own candidate in a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York. I replied that I had no objection to this provided that the Lodges had the consent of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and also procured a certified copy of that portion of the minutes of the meeting relating to their work to be placed upon the minute book of the Lodge conferring the degree. I am decidedly in favor of the interchange of visits, and particularly with a sister jurisdiction; but I do not approve of conferring degrees even on our own brethren under these circumstances. An exemplification of the work would answer all purposes, and no copy of the minutes would be necessary.

RULINGS.

I have been asked for and have given the following rulings:

Has a Master of a Lodge U. D., who resigns his office previous to the granting of the Warrant, the right afterwards to a seat in the East and to confer degrees? No.

Has the Master of a warranted Lodge who resigns his office before his term has expired the right afterwards to sit in the East and to confer degrees? No. In both these cases the Worshipful Master must have served twelve months as Master of a warranted Lodge in order to rank as a Past Master.

Must a brother who objects to the admission of a visitor to his Lodge state his objection on the floor of the Lodge? No.

Can a brother file a permanent objection to the admission of a visitor, even if the brother be not present? He cannot.

If a brother finds from the register that an objectionable visitor is in the Lodge, what is the duty of the Worshipful Master? He should ask the visitor to retire so that their differences may be settled. If this cannot be done the member of the Lodge must have the preference. No one has the absolute right to visit a Lodge. It is only by the courtesy of the Worshipful Master or Lodge that a visitor can be admitted.

A Lodge whose Master and Wardens were absent was opened by the only Past Master present, and he, feeling annoyed at criticism of his ruling during the evening, left the chair and Lodge without closing the Lodge. Was the work done regular, and what minute should be made? The Acting Worshipful Master was entirely in error in leaving the Chair and the Lodge without closing the same. The proceedings should be noted in the minute book, and all business regularly done prior to the time the Acting W. M. retired is constitutional. The Secretary should state that the Acting W. M. having retired, and no Past Master or Warden being present, the Lodge was not closed.

Has a member of a Lodge the right to demand a second ballot on an application for initiation or affiliation? He has not the right. He may request the W. M. to do so, but the right lies with the Worshipful Master.

Has a brother a right to speak in favor of the candidate before the ballot is passed a second time? He has not, and even if he had it would not be proper to do so. If only nine members were present, and seven spoke in favor of the candidate, the other two would have to do likewise or be credited with blackballing, and the secrecy of the ballot would thus be destroyed.

May brethren appear in a procession clothed with the regalia of the Royal Arch or Knights Templar orders? If they have authority from these Grand Bodies they may do so, but the Blue Lodge must take charge, and occupy the end of the procession, passing through it first.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual Communication in July last, new offices for the Grand

Master and Grand Secretary have been secured in the building of the Masonic Hall Association in this city, and have been furnished tastefully, the cost of the same having been kept within the amount voted for that purpose.

UNDRESS REGALIA.

A vote was passed by Grand Lodge last year appropriating the sum of \$200 for the purpose of procuring a complete set of undress Grand Lodge regalia for the officers. By some misunderstanding the wrong amount was given. The regalia will cost some £62, or nearly \$400, and in accordance with the suggestion of M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson the matter has been left over until this meeting of Grand Lodge.

FINANCE.

The finances of Grand Lodge are in excellent condition, as will be seen by the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance. The securities have been transferred to vaults in the offices of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, where they can be seen only when the keys held by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are both produced.

BENEVOLENCE.

During the year the sum of \$14,000 has been distributed in benevolence to some 316 recipients, and at the present time cheques are made out and will be sent within the next few days to the amount of \$5,910, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, making in all about \$20,000 paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge, besides what has been done by the subordinate Lodges.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Committee appointed by me to devise means of raising the amount asked for, viz., \$100,000, have done excellent work, and many of the District Deputy Grand Masters have been most energetic in the matter, while some have done little or nothing at all. Last year this fund amounted to \$5,019.22; this year the sum of \$16,000.00 has been added, making in all the sum of \$21,000.00, or over 20 per cent. of the total amount asked for.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The work of revision of the Constitution has been carried on under the direction of R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, Chairman of the Committee, and will be presented at this Communication for adoption by Grand Lodge. Much time and labor have been spent upon it by the Committee, and the preparation of the index alone by R. W. Bro. Eakins has been a task requiring much time and great care, the results of which will no doubt be appreciated by Grand Lodge.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

It is most gratifying to me to be able to report that during the twelve months I have not been compelled to appoint a commission or to investigate a charge against any of the 35,000 members of the Craft. Only three cases have this year been referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, through the Grand Secretary, complained of an invasion of jurisdiction by one of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, but I have asked through the Grand Secretary how long the candidate had resided in the jurisdiction of British Columbia, if at all, as I understand he has been living in Ontario and was only telegraphed for to go British Columbia for a short time. I trust the amended form of application proposed by the Committee on the Constitution will remove any chance of misunderstanding in this matter in the future.

My relations with the Grand Lodge officers whose executive duties have brought me into frequent communication and contact with them have been most pleasant and satisfactory. I have to thank the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and the Grand Treasurer, M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, for their assistance cordially rendered whenever called for, and the District Deputy Grand Masters for their efficient performance of the duties of their respective positions. Of the manner in which the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, has discharged the arduous duties of his most important office, I cannot speak too highly. In particular, his promptness and attention to the many matters necessary to be brought to my personal notice have been of the

greatest service to myself, as well as to Grand Lodge, and I gladly avail myself of this means of acknowledging my indebtedness to him. It is no reflection upon his lamented predecessor to say that the business of the office has never been more faithfully and zealously attended to than it has during M. W. Bro. Murray's tenure. In this connection I may add that it must be apparent to all who keep a watchful eye upon Grand Lodge affairs that the volume of business transacted in the Grand Secretary's office has increased enormously in recent years. About 20,000 initiates have been taken into the lodges during the past ten years alone, and one-third of the present membership of Grand Lodge has been gained in that time. This alone has entailed a vast increase in the clerical work of the office—to say nothing of other routine business—to cope with which the Grand Secretary has no larger staff than he had years ago, with the result that the capabilities of the office are very greatly overtaxed. I recommend for the consideration of Grand Lodge the question of the necessity and advisability of taking steps to remedy this condition of affairs.

R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, who has filled the position of auditor of the accounts of Grand Lodge during the past year has discharged the duties of that position in a most thorough and painstaking manner, making a monthly audit and report.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, before the close of this meeting my term of office will have expired, and I shall surrender to my successor in the Chair of this Grand Lodge the emblem of authority with which you entrusted me a year ago. I shall do so with mingled feelings of regret and satisfaction. I cannot but regret the severance of the official tie which for twelve months has bound me so closely to you as your Chief Ruler. I have great reason to regret the closing of a year which, amid the many cares and anxieties of so responsible a position, has brought me so many tokens of the continued confidence and esteem of my brethren. On the other hand, I could not fail to be satisfied with the marvellous progress which, through no merit of my own, has characterized this year in the history of Grand Lodge. It is a great honor, indeed, to be Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It is a

still greater honor to have occupied the Chair during a year of peace and prosperity such as that just ended. I repeat my thanks, expressed a year ago, for the distinction then conferred upon me by you. I thank the officers of Grand Lodge for their loyal support, and my brethren of the Lodges for their unfailing courtesy and generous consideration. My sole aim and my constant endeavor, during my year of office, have been to promote the welfare of the Craft in this jurisdiction; and, in laying down the gavel, I can voice no better wish for Grand Lodge than that, under the Divine blessing, its record may be as clear and its progress as marked as they have been during the first half-century of its history.

Fraternally submitted.

BENJAMIN ALLEN,

Grand Master.

Dated at Toronto, this 17th day of July, A. L. 5904.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I beg leave to present to Grand Lodge my annual report, containing an account of all monies received by me and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending 31st May, 1905. Also a summary of the expenditure for the year, with ledger balances to the 31st May, 1905, and returns of subordinate lodges as at the 24th June, 1905, with, by instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, a record of dispensations issued, By-laws and amendments thereto approved, and other official acts of the M. W. Grand Master.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Certificates	\$ 5,502 50
Dues	16,677 90
Fees	3,495 87
Dispensations	259 00
Warrants	90 00
Constitutions, etc.	701 15
Commutation of dues	1,035 00
Miscellaneous	626 25

Interest on Debentures and on Bank Account as follows :

Brockville debentures, \$3,000 at 4 per cent.	\$120 00	
Woodstock debentures, \$7,000 at 6 per cent.	420 00	
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., 15,000 at 4 per cent.	600 00	
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Loan Co., \$10,000 at 4 per cent.	400 00	
Canada Per. Loan & Savings Co., \$10,000 at 4 per cent.	400 00	
Landed Banking & Loan Co., \$15,000 at 4 per cent.	600 00	
Canada Savings & Loan Co., \$5,000 at 4 per cent.	200 00	
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., \$5,000 at 4 per cent.	200 00	
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., \$15,000 at 4 per cent.	600 00	
Brantford Debentures, \$8,000 at 4 per cent.	320 00	
St. Thomas Debentures, \$1,538.12 at 4%	61 52	
St. Thomas " 1,599.64 "	63 99	
St. Thomas " 1,663.63 "	66 55	
St. Thomas " 1,701.17 "	69 21	
St. Thomas " 1,799.38 "	71 98	
St. Thomas " 1,871.35 "	74 85	
St. Thomas " 1,946.21 "	77 85	
Toronto Debentures, \$2,433.33 at 4 per cent. (6 months)	42 58	
Toronto Debentures, \$2,433.33 at 4 per cent. (6 months)	42 58	
Interest on Deposits in Bank	192 40	
		4,623 51
		<u>\$33,011 18</u>

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

1904.

June 9	Deposit	\$ 212 50	
" 17	"	120 25	
" 22	"	106 00	
" 24	"	578 00	
" 28	"	1,911 75	
" 30	"	2,044 50	
" 30	"	268 75	
" 30	"	412 50	
			\$5,684 25
July 2	"	1,066 00	
" 4	"	444 75	
" 5	"	1,056 25	
" 5	"	485 95	
" 5	"	300 00	
" 6	"	806 25	
" 7	"	502 00	
" 8	"	336 25	
" 9	"	258 00	
" 11	"	515 00	
" 12	"	439 95	
" 13	"	678 75	
" 14	"	207 25	
" 26	"	2,005 00	
" 26	"	60 00	
" 29	"	216 62	
			9,398 02
Aug. 1	"	139 00	
" 23	"	104 50	
" 30	"	183 25	
			426 75
Sept. 6	"	\$ 112 00	
" 13	"	150 25	
" 16	"	211 50	
" 30	"	211 00	
			684 75
Oct. 3	"	400 00	
" 3	"	160 00	
" 4	"	75 00	
" 10	"	94 25	
" 21	"	115 75	
" 31	"	98 75	
			943 75
Nov. 2	"	800 00	
" 18	"	78 50	
" 30	"	170 25	
" 30	"	112 20	
			1,160 95
Dec. 12	"	176 50	
" 22	"	163 75	
" 30	"	656 00	
" 31	"	256 50	
" 31	"	464 00	
			1,716 75

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

For the year ending 31st May, 1905.

Salary of Grand Secretary, one year to 31st March, 1905	\$ 2,000 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer	200 00
Salary of Assistant in Grand Secretary's office to 31st May, 1905	800 00
Salary of stenographer to 31st May, 1905	611 00
R. L. Gunn, Grand Lodge auditor	300 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent	87 50
Chairman, Benevolent Committee, postage, etc.	15 00
Expenses, Board of General Purposes at Brockville	1,391 15
J. B. Nixon, investigating benevolent grants	565 50
Expenses, Grand Lodge at Brockville	162 04
M. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson, report on Foreign Correspondence	100 00
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's office	753 90
Grand Master's travelling expenses	500 00
Copp, Clark, certificates, etc.	1,131 30
A. C. Turnbull, stationery	45 23
Reid Printing Co., printing	506 50
R. Duncan, stationery and binding	187 25
Times Printing Co., advertising	4 00
Spectator Printing Co., contract on printing, etc.	2,243 68
G. L. Lanigan, book binding	20 00
The Record Printing Co., Grand Lodge reports	130 00
Brockville Times, Grand Lodge reports	16 50
Expenses, Committee on Revision of Constitution	238 27
Expenses, Committee on Semi-Centennial Fund	151 60
Expenses, Committee on G. Sec'y's office	13 45
Toronto General Trusts Co., rent of safety vault	25 00
Premium on G. Secretary's bond	12 50
Repairs, Grand Master's regalia	7 50
Duplicating machine for Grand Secretary's office	18 00
Bell Telephone Co.	25 17
M. W. Bro. Harding, testimonial to	300 00
Masonic Relief Association, membership in	163 54
Insurance on furniture and regalia	57 80
Expenses funeral M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully	38 95
Expenses furnishing Grand Secretary's office	1,545 40
Electric Supply Co., fixtures	35 13
Grants for benevolence	13,940 00
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	\$28,342 83

LODGE BY-LAWS.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and confirmed the By-laws of the following lodges, viz :

1904.	July 14..	Guelph Lodge.....	No. 258, Guelph.
"	Nov. 28.	Alpha Lodge.....	" 384, Toronto.
1905.	April 1..	Oakville Lodge.....	" 400, Oakville.
"	May 26..	Salem Lodge.....	" 368, Brockville.
"	May 26..	Pembroke Lodge.....	" 128, Pembroke.
"	May 27..	Durham Lodge.....	" 306, Durham.
"	May 29..	Cataraqui Lodge.....	" 192, Kingston.
"	May 29..	Wellington Lodge.....	" 271, Erin.
"	June 6..	Ashlar Lodge.....	" 247, Toronto.

The W. M. the Grand Master has examined, revised and confirmed amendments to the By-laws of the following lodges, viz :

1904.	Sept. 1..	Pembroke Lodge.....	No. 128, Pembroke.
"	Sept. 3..	Rodney Lodge.....	" 411, Rodney.
"	Oct. 12..	Zeta Lodge.....	" 410, Toronto.
"	Oct. 27..	Shuniah Lodge.....	" 287, Port Arthur.
"	Oct. 28..	Simcoe Lodge.....	" 79, Bradford.
"	Nov. 23..	Madawaska Lodge.....	" 196, Arnprior.
"	Nov. 26..	Niagara Lodge.....	" 2, Niagara.
"	Dec. 17..	Bonnechere Lodge.....	" 433, Eganville.
1905.	Jan. 3..	Clementi Lodge.....	" 313, Lakefield.
"	Jan. 6..	St. John's Lodge.....	" 35, Cayuga.
"	Jan. 13..	Victoria Lodge.....	" 56, Sarnia.
"	Jan. 24..	St. John's Lodge.....	" 21a, Vankleek Hill.
"	Jan. 24..	Ontario Lodge.....	" 26, Port Hope.
"	Feb'y 3..	St. John's Lodge.....	" 75, Toronto.
"	Feb'y 4..	Friendly Brothers Lodge	" 143, Iroquois.
"	Feb'y 8..	United Lodge.....	" 29, Brighton.
"	Feb'y 22.	King Hiram Lodge....	" 78, Tilsonburg.
"	Feb'y 22.	Goodwood Lodge.....	" 159, Richmond.
"	Feb'y 24.	St. Andrew's Lodge....	" 16, Toronto.
"	March 4..	Renfrew Lodge.....	" 122, Renfrew.
"	March 4..	Bonnechere Lodge.....	" 433, Eganville.
"	April 1..	Pythagorus Lodge.....	" 137, Meaford.
"	April 3..	Lorne Lodge.....	" 404, Tamworth.
"	April 15.	Simcoe Lodge.....	" 79, Bradford.
"	April 28.	Ionic Lodge.....	" 25, Toronto.
"	May 12..	Acacia Lodge.....	" 430, East Toronto.
"	May 12..	Burns Lodge.....	" 436, Hepworth.
"	May 17..	Maitland Lodge.....	" 33, Goderich.
"	May 26..	Norfolk Lodge.....	" 10, Simcoe.
"	May 27..	Fort William Lodge...	" 415, Fort William.
"	May 29..	Waverly Lodge.....	" 361, Guelph.
"	June 6..	King Solomon's Lodge.	" 22, Toronto.
"	June 17..	St. Lawrence Lodge...	" 131, Southampton.

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
July 9, 1904	159	Goodwood	Richmond	Divine Service.
" 12, "	2	Niagara	Niagara	To Elect and Install.
" 13, "	161	Percy	Warkworth	Divine Service.
" 26, "	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	To Hold an Excursion.
" 26, "	431	Moravian	Eden Grove	To " Install.
" 29, "	233	Doric	Parkhill	Divine Service.
Aug. 5, "	372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	Divine Service.
" 19, "	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	Divine Service.
" 22, "	331	Fordwich	Fordwich	To Install.
" 23, "	77	St. John's	Toronto	" Change Meeting Night.
" 27, "	255	Sydenham	Dresden	" Install.
" 27, "	464	King Edward	Sunderland	Divine Service.
" 29, "	74	St. James	Maitland	Divine Service.
Sept. 6, "	81	Jt. John's	Mount Brydges	Divine Service.
" 6, "	56	Victoria	Sarnia	Divine Service.
" 6, "	260	Washington	Petrolia	Divine Service.
" 6, "	332	Chesterville	Chesterville	Divine Service.
" 6, "	364	Dufferin	Melbourne	Divine Service.
" 6, "	437	Tuscan	Sarnia	Divine Service.
" 6, "	154	Irving	Lucan	Divine Service.
" 12, "	236	Monitoba	Cookstown	Divine Service.
" 14, "	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	Divine Service.
Oct. 4, "	376	Unity	Huntsville	To Elect.
July 6, "	143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Divine Service.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Oct. 14, 1904	151	Grand River	Berlin	Divine Service.
" 29, "	331	Fordwich	Fort Perry	Divine Service.
Nov. 10, "	428	Fidelity	Dundas	At-Home.
" 10, "	100	Valley	Stoney Creek	Divine Service.
" 10, "	166	Wentworth	Ancaster	Divine Service.
" 10, "	272	Seymour	W. Flamboro'	Divine Service.
" 10, "	291	Dufferin	Millgrove	Divine Service.
" 10, "	357	Waterdown	Thessalon	Divine Service.
" 21, "	442	Dymont	London	Elect.
Dec. 5, "	195	Tuscan	Marmora	At-Home.
" 7, "	222	Marmora	Drayton	To Elect.
" 15, "	295	Conestogo	Barrie	" Install.
" 16, "	230	Kerr	Toronto	" Initiate.
" 17, "	438	Harmony	Guelph	" Install.
" 19, "	361	Waverley	Cobden	" Install.
" 21, "	459	Cobden	Toronto	" Install.
" 22, "	75	St. John's	Brougham	" Install.
" 27, "	269	Brougham Union	Sturgeon Falls	" Hold a Ball.
" 27, "	477	Sturgeon Falls	Vittoria	" Install.
" 28, "	359	Vittoria	Niagara	" Install.
" 30, "	2	Niagara	N. Augusta	" Elect and Install.
" 31, "	389	Crystal Fountain	Fergus	" Install.
Jan. 4, 1905	347	Mercer	Penetanguishene	" Install.
" 4, "	348	Georgian	Toronto	At-Home.
" 4, "	218	Stevenson		

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Jan. 4, 1905	185	Enniskillen .	York .	To Install.
" 4, "	197	Saugeen .	Walkerton .	" Install.
" 5, "	326	Zetland .	Toronto .	At-Home.
" 6, "	404	Lorne .	Tamworth .	To Install.
" 7, "	224	Zurich .	Hensall .	" Install.
" 9, "	46	Wellington .	Chatham .	Divine Service.
" 9, "	41	St. George's .	Kingsville .	Divine Service.
" 0, "	47	Great Western .	Windsor .	To Install.
" 10, "	127	Franck .	Frankford .	" Install.
" 10, "	403	Windsor .	Windsor .	" Install.
" 10, "	443	Powassen .	Powassen .	" Install.
" 10, "	429	Port Elgin .	Port Elgin .	" Install.
" 12, "	438	Harmony .	Toronto .	At-Home.
" 12, "	164	Star in the East .	Wellington .	To Install.
" 12, "	389	Crystal Fountain .	N. Augusta .	" Install.
" 12, "	209a	St. John's .	London .	At-Home.
" 16, "	312	Phyx .	Wallaceburg .	To Install.
" 16, "	186	Plantagenet .	Plantagenet .	" Elect and Install.
" 17, "	438	Harmony .	Toronto .	" Change Meeting Hour.
" 17, "	390	Florence .	Florence .	" Install.
" 20, "	171	Prince of Wales .	Lawrence Sta. .	" Install.
" 20, "	464	King Edward .	Sunderland .	" Initiate Serving Br.
" 23, "	343	Georgina .	Toronto .	" Install.
" 25, "	16	St. Andrew's .	Toronto .	At-Home.
" 25, "	343	Georgina .	Toronto .	At-Home.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Jan. 25, 1905	354	Brook	Cannington	At-Home.
" 27, "	346	Occident	Toronto	At-Home.
" 27, "	420	Nipissing	North Bay	At-Home.
Feb. 6, "	217	Frederick	Delhi	To Install.
" 6, "	125	Cornwall	Cornwall	At-Home.
" 6, "	387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	To Install.
" 11, "	450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	" Install.
" 11, "	450	Avonmore	Avonmore	" Install.
" 11, "	316	Doric	Toronto	At-Home.
" 11, "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	At-Home.
" 22, "	65	Rehoboth	Toronto	At-Home.
Mch. 13, "	830	Corinthian	London	At-Home.
" 13, "	264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	To Change Meeting Night.
" 16, "	822	North Star	Owen Sound	Divine Service.
" 22, "	20	St. John's	London	At-Home.
April 11, "	75	St. John's	Toronto	At-Home.
May 2, "	234	Beaver	Clarksburg	At-Home.
" 29, "	203	Irvine	Elora	To Install.
" 31, "	108	Blenheim	Princeton	" Install.
June 5, "	257	Galt	Galt	At-Home.
" 5, "	184	Old Light	Lucknow	Divine Service.
" 7, "	v. p.	Tottenham	Tottenham	Divine Service.
" 7, "	441	Westport	Westport	To Install.
" 9, "	269	Brougham Union	Claremont	Divine Service.
" 10, "	201	Leeds	Gananoque	Divine Service.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 10, 1905	55	Merrickville	Merrickville .	Excursion.
" 22, "	316	Doric .	Toronto .	Excursion.
" 22, "	7	Union .	Grimsby .	To Install.
" 22, "	139	Lebanon .	Oshawa .	Install.
" 22, "	345	Nilestown .	Nilestown .	" Change Meeting Night.
" 22, "	159	Goodwood .	Richmond .	" Hold a Picnic.
" 22, "	465	Carleton .	Carp .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	147	Mississippi .	Almonte .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	394	King Solomon's .	Thamesford .	To Install.
" 22, "	120	Warren .	Fingal .	Install.
" 22, "	258	Guelph .	Guelph .	" Install.
" 22, "	393	Forest .	Chesley .	" Install.
" 22, "	464	King Edward .	Sunderland .	" Install.
" 22, "	400	Oakville .	Oakville .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	165	Burlington .	Burlington .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	76	Oxford .	Woodstock .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	114	Hope .	Port Hope .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	37	Hiram .	Ingersoll .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	460	Rideau .	Seeley's Bay .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	433	Bonnechere .	Eganville .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	223	Norwood .	Norwood .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	185	Enniskillen .	York .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	224	Zurich .	Hensall .	Divine Service.
" 22, "	403	Windsor .	Windsor .	Divine Service.
" 23, "	153	Burns .	Wyoming .	Divine Service.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 22, 1905	265	Patterson	Thornhill	Divine Service.
" 22, "	157	Simpson	Newboro'	Divine Service.
" 22, "	157	Simpson	Newboro'	To Install.
" 22, "	404	Lorne	Tamworth	Divine Service.
" 22, "	284	St. John's	Brussels	Divine Service.
" 22, "	421	Scott	Grand Valley	Divine Service.
" 22, "	129	Rising Sun	Aurora	Divine Service.
" 22, "	68	St. John's	Ingersoll	Divine Service.
" 22, "	106	Burford	Burford	Divine Service

Fraternally submitted,

Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

Hamilton, July 17th, 1905.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

I herewith submit a Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1905.

The balance at the credit of the Current Account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1904, was	\$6,128 01
Less cheques issued during the year, but not presented for payment up to 31st May, 1904	120 00
	<hr/> \$6,008 01

During the year the following amounts have been received by me from Grand Secretary, viz :	
Cash	\$28,387 67
Interest from Investments	\$4,431 11
Less accrued interest from purchase of City of Toronto Debentures..	38 86
	<hr/> 4,392 25
Interest on Bank Deposits	192 40
Discount on purchase of City of Toronto Debentures bearing 3½ per cent. purchased to pay 4.05 per cent.....	382 52
	<hr/> \$33,354 84
	<hr/> \$39,362 85

The Expenditure during the year was as follows:

For General Charges	\$14,402 83
For Benevolence	13,940 00
For Investment under City of Toronto Debentures, \$4,866.66 at 3½, purchased to pay 4 per cent.....	4,866 66
	<hr/> \$33,209 49
Leaving a balance of	\$6,153 36
Balance in Bank on 31st May, 1905	6,498 63
Less cheques issued, but not presented for payment up to the close of the year ..	345 27
	<hr/> 6,153 36

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1904.		
June 1—	Balance as per Balance Sheet issued 31st	
May, 1904	.....	\$111,156 51
1905.		
May 31—	Received from the Grand Secretary, from interest on investments and interest on Bank balances and from discount on purchase of City of Toronto Debentures	33,354 84
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		\$144,511 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

1904.		
June 1—	Grand Secretary's salary	\$ 500 00
	1—Grand Treasurer's salary	50 00
	1—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	66 00
	1—Stenographer's salary	25 00
July 12—	Chairman Board of Benevolence, postage stationery	15 00
	21—Expenses Board of General Purposes Grand Lodge meeting at Brockville	1,391 15
	27—Balance expenses Committee on Revision of Constitution	41 20
	27—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	27—Stenographer's salary	153 00
	30—J. B. Nixon, Benevolent investigation...	200 00
Aug. 10—	Expenses Grand Lodge, Brockville	162 04
	10—Copp, Clark & Co., certificates and warrants	1,131 30
	10—A. C. Turnbull, stationery and supplies, Grand Secretary	45 23
	10—Reid Printing Company, special printing	506 50
	10—Robert Duncan & Co., stationery	187 25
	10—Times Printing Company, advertising	4 00
	10—Spectator Company, contract work	1,243 68
	10—R. L. Gunn, auditor	300 00
	10—G. H. Lanagan, binding returns	20 00
	10—Henry Robertson, Report on Foreign Correspondence	100 00
	10—Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals up to 31st May, 1904	53 90
	10—Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals	700 00
	10—The Recorder Printing Co., printing reports Grand Lodge meeting	130 00
	10—Brockville Times, printing reports Grand Lodge meeting	16 50
	16—Expenses Central Committee Semi-Centennial Fund	56 50
	29—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Aug.	29—Stenographer's salary	43 00
	29—J. B. Nixon, expenses Benevolent Investigation	200 00
Sept.	14—Expenses Committee on Revision of Constitution	20 00
	26—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	66 00
	26—Stenographer's salary	44 00
	26—Toronto General Trusts Corporation, rent of safe	25 00
	26—Premium, Grand Secretary's bond	12 50
	26—Grand Secretary's salary	500 00
	26—Grand Treasurer's salary	50 00
	26—Mortimer & Blakeby, repairing regalia Grand Master	7 50
Oct.	8—Rent Grand Secretary's office to 1st Oct.	87 50
	8—United Typewriter Company, for duplicating machine	18 00
	12—Expenses, Committee on Revision of Constitution	111 72
	21—Expenses Semi-Centennial Committee ..	25 25
	24—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	24—Stenographer's salary	43 00
Nov.	11—M.W. Bro. Benjamin Allen on account of expenses	200 00
	14—Expenses Committee re Grand Secretary's office	13 45
	15—J. B. Nixon, balance expenses re Benevolent investigation	112 50
	28—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	28—Stenographer's salary	43 00
Dec.	2—Bell Telephone Company account	23 50
	2—Grand Secretary's salary	500 00
	2—Grand Treasurer's salary	50 00
	2—Testimonial M. W. J. E. Harding	300 00
	27—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	66 00
	27—Stenographer's salary	44 00
1905.		
Jan.	17—Expenses of Committee on Constitution..	65 35
Feb.	9—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	9—Stenographer's salary	43 00
	9—Masonic Relief Association	163 54
	9—M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Grand Master, expenses....	300 00
	10—Hamilton Spectator Printing Company, on account	1,000 00
	27—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	27—Stenographer's salary	43 00
	27—Expenses Semi-Centennial Committee ..	55 20
Mch.	18—Grand Secretary's salary	500 00
	18—Grand Treasurer's salary	50 00
	18—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	66 00
	18—Stenographer's salary	44 00
	21—Expenses Semi-Centennial Celebration Committee	14 65
	27—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent Grand Secretary's office....	87 00

April	3—Rutherford & Lester, insurance office furniture, Grand Secretary's office	34 00
	6—Bell Telephone, Grand Secretary's office	1 67
	10—Atlas Assurance Co., premium, insurance regalla	23 80
	13—T. Eaton & Co., furnishing Grand Secretary's office	353 60
	13—Keith & Fitzsimmons, Grand Secretary's office	142 75
	13—United Typewriter Co., one typewriter ..	112 50
	19—Wood, Vallance & Co., Grand Secretary's office	2 85
	19—R. McKay & Co., account, Grand Secretary's office	5 00
	26—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	26—Stenographer's salary	43 00
May	1—A. McKenzie, painter's account, Grand Secretary's office	11 00
	1—Electric Supply, furnishing Grand Secretary's office	26 13
	1—Office Specialty Manufacturing Co., furniture Grand Secretary's office	700 00
	8—Expenses funeral M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully ..	38 95
	11—T. Eaton Co., Grand Secretary's office..	121 90
	26—Asst. in Grand Secretary's office, salary..	67 00
	26—Stenographer's salary	43 00
	30—John E. Riddell, account removing	8 10
	30—W. J. Reid, account fitting up Grand Secretary's office	62 17
	30—Benevolent orders as per list	13,940 00
	30—Balance as per balance sheet	116,168 52
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		\$144,511 35

During the year the Investment Committee renewed the following investments at an increased rate of interest, namely: Canada Savings & Loan Company at $4\frac{1}{8}$ per cent ..\$ 5,000 00 Ontario Loan & Debenture Company at $4\frac{1}{8}$ per cent. 5,000 00 The Hamilton Provident & Loan Company at $4\frac{1}{8}$ per cent. 15,000 00

The Committee also purchased City of Toronto Consolidated Loan bonds for £1,000 sterling (\$4,866.66) at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. half-yearly, the purchase was made so as to pay Grand Lodge interest at 4.05 per cent. half yearly, and the purchase price, including the accrued interest, amounted to \$4,523.00.

The attached Balance Sheet shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1905, and the sums invested with rates of interest. All the debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, Toronto, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the Vault Clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented vault, where the debentures are deposited.

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 31ST, 1905.

Debentures—

Brockville Debentures, face value at 4 per cent.	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, face value, at 6 per cent...	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., at 4 per cent.	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, at 4 per cent.....	10,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, at 4 per cent.....	10,000 00
The Landed Banking & Loan Co., at 4 per cent....	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Company, at 4½ per cent...	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., at 4½ per cent....	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., at 4½ per cent....	15,000 00
City of Brantford Debentures, at 4 per cent.....	8,000 00
St. Thomas Debentures, at 4 per cent.....	12,148 50
City of Toronto, at 3½ per cent.....	4,866 66
The purchase of the 3½ per cent. City of Toronto Debentures for \$4,523.00, will pay Grand Lodge interest thereon at the rate of 4.05 per cent.	

\$110,015 16

Current Account—

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce..	\$6,498 63
Less cheques issued, but not presented up to 31st May, 1905	345 27
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	\$6,153 36
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	\$116,168 52

Fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

1904-1905

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON
ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June 1904.	June 1904.
4 Bro. J. A. G. .. \$40 00	12 Widow W. P. .. 20 00
25 Bro. E. W. M. .. 40 00	12 Widow J. W. .. 10 00
28 Mrs. M. M. W. ... 75 00	12 Widow W. J. A. .. 20 00
28 Miss M. W. ... 75 00	12 Bro. W. McC. ... 25 00
28 Miss M. H. H. ... 18 75	12 Widow H. L. K. .. 20 00
28 Mrs. T. D. H. ... 75 00	12 Widow W. T. ... 15 00
29 Widow A. C. ... 20 00	12 Widow T. E. ... 15 00
29 Sister J. A. G. ... 50 00	12 Widow J. H. ... 10 00
August	12 Widow A. F. ... 30 00
2 Bro. J. P. ... 30 00	12 Widow J. W. ... 10 00
12 Widow G. S. M. ... 15 00	12 Widow W. J. S. ... 15 00
12 Widow J. V. ... 20 00	12 Widow W. T. S. ... 15 00
12 Widow W. C. S. ... 25 00	12 Widow T. W. G. ... 10 00
12 Widow J. F. ... 10 00	12 Widow T. G. S. ... 10 00
12 Widow S. R. ... 30 00	12 Widow T. McC. L. ... 10 00
12 Widow W. J. W. ... 20 00	12 Widow G. C. ... 15 00
12 Widow J. P. ... 20 00	12 Widow A. J. ... 15 00
12 Widow G. R. B. ... 25 00	12 Widow G. G. ... 20 00
12 Widow J. J. ... 20 00	12 Widow R. L. ... 10 00
12 Widow S. M. ... 10 00	12 Mother C. E. M. ... 10 00
12 Sister J. McP. ... 10 00	12 Bro. J. C. W. ... 25 00
12 Widow T. H. W. ... 15 00	12 Widow J. W. ... 10 00
12 Widow R. A. K. ... 15 00	12 Widow J. LeC. ... 10 00
12 Widow G. S. ... 15 00	12 Widow L. C. J. ... 10 00
12 Widow J. H. H. ... 10 00	12 Widow J. L. Y. ... 10 00
12 Orphan M. N. ... 10 00	12 Widow W. P. ... 10 00
12 Sister T. H. B. ... 15 00	12 Widow G. T. ... 15 00
12 Widow J. K. ... 25 00	12 Bro. W. H. ... 50 00
12 Widow E. H. ... 20 00	12 Widow T. B. ... 10 00
12 Widow P. P. ... 20 00	12 Bro. J. S. ... 25 00
12 Widow J. F. H. ... 15 00	12 Widow P. G. ... 20 00
12 Widow A. M. ... 15 00	12 Widow J. E. ... 20 00
12 Bro. J. W. ... 10 00	12 Widow J. E. H. ... 15 00
12 Bro. R. T. S. ... 25 00	12 Widow W. H. S. ... 10 00
12 Bro. J. B. S. ... 37 50	12 Widow W. B. ... 20 00
12 Bro. W. C. ... 25 00	12 Widow D. G. ... 15 00
12 Bro. E. B. ... 25 00	12 Widow J. W. McD. ... 20 00
12 Widow R. W. ... 10 00	12 Daughter W. K. ... 10 00
12 Widow R. M. K. ... 15 00	12 Widow W. F. ... 20 00
12 Bro. W. H. ... 25 00	12 Widow J. B. ... 15 00
12 M. W. Bro. R. T. W.	12 Widow W. L. ... 10 00
for Dau. J. D. ... 25 00	12 Widow W. M. H. ... 40 00
12 Widow J. M. ... 20 00	12 Widow H. H. ... 20 00
12 Widow J. S. ... 10 00	12 Wife S. M. D. ... 20 00
12 Widow J. W. ... 10 00	12 Widow F. G. B. ... 20 00

June 1904.	June 1904.
12 Widow T. B. . . . 15 00	12 Widow J. M. . . . 10 00
12 Widow J. W. . . . 10 00	12 Widow H. H. . . . 15 00
12 Widow J. McK. . . . 10 00	12 Widow T. M. B. . . . 20 00
12 Orphans J. L. . . . 25 00	12 Widow W. H. K. . . . 15 00
12 Widow W. M. . . . 10 00	12 Widow R. G. B. . . . 15 00
12 Widow A. M. . . . 10 00	12 Widow A. J. . . . 20 00
12 Widow T. S. S. . . . 10 00	12 Widow J. A. . . . 10 00
12 Widow G. S. McF. . . . 20 00	12 Daughter J. C. . . . 30 00
12 Widow C. MacD. . . . 20 00	12 Widow H. C. B. . . . 20 00
12 Bro. R. H. G. . . . 50 00	12 Widow J. B. . . . 15 00
12 Widow R. B. . . . 10 00	12 Widow J. B. . . . 20 00
12 Widow H. C. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. J. W. C. . . . 25 00
12 Widow C. D. McD. . . . 20 00	12 Widow W. B. W. . . . 15 00
12 Widow G. H. N. . . . 15 00	12 Widow J. S. B. . . . 15 00
12 Sister W. C. . . . 25 00	12 Bro. S. S. R. . . . 50 00
12 Widow W. M. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. B. B. . . . 25 00
12 Widow F. C. . . . 10 00	12 Bro. W. W. . . . 50 00
12 Bro. H. O. H. . . . 50 00	12 Widow T. H. S. . . . 20 00
12 Bro. E. G. . . . 50 00	12 Bro. A. C. . . . 25 00
12 Widow L. Y. . . . 20 00	12 Widow E. S. B. . . . 10 00
12 Widow G. S. . . . 20 00	12 Widow M. F. H. . . . 10 00
12 Widow W. J. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. A. K. . . . 50 00
12 Orphans S. McP. . . . 20 00	12 Widow A. B. DeP. . . . 20 00
12 Bro. J. H. . . . 50 00	12 Widow E. W. . . . 10 00
12 Widow G. T. P. . . . 10 00	12 Bro. J. C. . . . 50 00
12 Widow F. S. B. . . . 10 00	12 Widow C. A. . . . 10 00
12 Widow R. D. M. . . . 15 00	12 Bro. F. H. M. . . . 50 00
12 Widow R. P. . . . 15 00	12 Orphan J. J. . . . 10 00
12 Widow J. M. . . . 10 00	12 Widow E. K. . . . 10 00
12 Widow A. R. P. . . . 30 00	12 Widow J. F. . . . 20 00
12 Widow J. T. G. . . . 20 00	12 Widow D. L. C. . . . 10 00
12 Widow A. S. W. . . . 15 00	12 Widow B. H. E. . . . 20 00
12 Widow T. R. . . . 15 00	12 Widow T. S. A. . . . 40 00
12 Widow R. H. . . . 10 00	12 Widow A. C. . . . 20 00
12 Widow J. McK. . . . 20 00	12 Widow S. H. V. . . . 15 00
12 Bro. D. B. M. . . . 50 00	12 Widow W. J. S. . . . 30 00
12 Widow J. R. L. S. . . . 15 00	12 Widow H. H. . . . 40 00
12 Widow S. R. . . . 15 00	12 Widow M. C. V. . . . 10 00
12 Widow G. W. S. . . . 15 00	12 Widow J. M. A. . . . 10 00
12 Widow J. T. J. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. J. M. . . . 25 00
12 Widow G. H. B. . . . 15 00	12 Bro. G. C. . . . 25 00
12 Widow J. O. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. G. M. R. . . . 50 00
12 Mother J. O. . . . 10 00	12 Widow A. K. . . . 40 00
12 Wife F. D. . . . 25 00	12 Widow A. McI. . . . 10 00
12 Widow A. G. . . . 15 00	12 Widow T. F. . . . 15 00
12 Widow C. W. W. . . . 15 00	12 Widow A. C. C. . . . 15 00
12 Widow J. A. W. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. J. A. S. . . . 12 50
12 Widow A. L. . . . 20 00	12 Bro. J. P. . . . 25 00
12 Widow W. E. S. . . . 25 00	12 Widow G. G. . . . 10 00
12 Widow T. V. . . . 20 00	12 Widow G. C. . . . 20 00
12 Widow T. B. L. . . . 10 00	12 Widow S. T. . . . 20 00
12 Widow S. B. . . . 15 00	12 Widow M. J. L. . . . 10 00
12 Bro. M. C. R. . . . 50 00	12 Mother J. B. C. . . . 40 00
12 Daughter W. W. . . . 20 00	12 Widow D. S. . . . 20 00

June	1904.	
12	Widow J. G. L.	40 00
12	Widow C. G.	15 00
12	Bro. C. R.	50 00
12	Widow R. F.	10 00
12	Widow J. C.	20 00
12	Daughter S. S.	20 00
12	Widow J. H.	15 00
12	Bro. J. E. R.	50 00
12	Widow J. W.	40 00
12	Widow W. S. P.	40 00
12	Widow W. A.	10 00
12	Widow J. S.	10 00
12	Widow G. W.	10 00
12	Widow D. S.	10 00
12	Widow C. B. B.	20 00
12	Widow P. R. D.	10 00
12	Widow W. E. S.	15 00
12	Bro. J. S.	25 00
12	Widow C. B.	20 00
12	Widow S. A.	20 00
12	Widow C. M.	20 00
12	Wife J. F.	50 00
12	Widow J. W. H.	15 00
12	Widow J. A. MacI.	15 00
12	Daughter T. L.	20 00
12	Widow J. R.	25 00
12	Widow F. M. D.	20 00
12	Bro. G. H. A. P.	50 00
12	Widow J. A.	30 00
12	Widow H. G. G.	40 00
12	Bro. J. P.	50 00
12	Bro. J. C.	25 00
12	Widow S. L.	20 00
12	Bro. R. C. W.	25 00
12	Bro. A. B.	25 00
12	Widow W. E. J.	25 00
12	Widow L. W. W.	20 00
12	Widow J. A.	25 00
12	Orphans J. R. S.	20 00
12	Widow R. G.	10 00
12	Bro. R. S.	50 00
12	Widow W. C.	20 00
12	Widow N. R. R.	40 00
12	Widow L. N.	20 00
12	Widow A. S.	40 00
12	Bro. L.	25 00
12	Bro. G. R.	50 00
12	Widow H. D. F.	20 00
12	Widow R. E. H.	15 00
12	Widow J. G.	10 00
12	Wife W. K.	20 00
12	Widow J. P.	30 00
12	Widow J. Z.	10 00

June	1904.	
12	Widow W. S.	20 00
12	Widow T. B. P.	15 00
12	Widow D. S. L.	15 00
12	Widow R. H. W.	20 00
10	Widow J. A. S.	20 00
10	Widow E. S.	15 00
10	Widow R. C. C.	15 00
10	Widow C. J. W.	10 00
10	Widow T. C.	20 00
10	Widow J. W.	20 00
10	Widow R. C.	15 00
10	Daughter J. McE.	10 00
10	Widow G. W. A.	20 00
10	Widow A. A. C.	10 00
10	Widow E. D.	20 00
10	Bro. J. F. S.	25 00
10	Bro. C. L.	15 00
10	Bro. T. R. W.	50 00
10	Widow H. R.	20 00
10	Widow O. Y.	20 00
10	Widow A. B.	20 00
10	Bro. N. K.	50 00
10	Bro. E. McL.	25 00
10	Widow J. M.	10 00
10	Widow F. B.	10 00
10	Widow H. L.	10 00
10	Widow A. A. M.	20 00
10	Bro. J. B.	50 00
10	Bro. J. D.	50 00
10	Bro. H. H.	25 00
10	Bro. G. A. F. C.	25 00
10	Widow A. A. N.	25 00
10	Widow A. E. B.	15 00
10	Widow F. C.	20 00
10	Widow J. E. E.	10 00
10	Widow R. A. P.	15 00
10	Orphans A. W. C.	40 00
10	Bro. W. McK.	25 00
10	Bro. J. C.	25 00
10	Bro. S. O. D.	50 00
10	Widow B. C.	40 00
10	Widow P. C.	25 00
10	Widow L. M. L.	15 00
10	Widow A. W. P.	15 00
10	Widow J. C.	20 00
10	Widow W. B.	25 00
10	Bro. A. F.	25 00
10	Widow J. P.	25 00
10	Widow F. P. G.	25 00
10	Bro. G. R. McL.	50 00
10	Bro. C. S.	25 00
10	Bro. T. P.	25 00
10	Widow W. B.	20 00
10	Widow R. E.	30 00

September 1904

26 Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00
26 Miss M. W.	75 00
26 Miss M. H.	18 75
26 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00
27 W. M. H., L. 432,	
fun. exp. G. W.	25 00

October.

19 Bro. W. A. R.	40 00
19 Widow S. H.	40 00
24 Widow R. A. D.	40 00

November.

2 Mrs. J. A.	30 00
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December.

21 Miss F. J. D., dau.	
A. L. D.	40 00
27 Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00
27 Miss M. W.	75 00
27 Miss M. H. H.	18 75
27 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00

January 1905.

9 Bro. A. S. B.	40 00
9 Widow G. S. M.	15 00
9 Widow J. V.	20 00
9 Widow W. C. S.	25 00
9 Widow J. F.	10 00
9 Widow S. R.	30 00
9 Widow W. J. W.	20 00
9 Widow I. P.	20 00
9 Widow G. R. B.	25 00
9 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	
Relief, Guelph	20 00
9 Widow S. M.	10 00
9 Sister J. McP.	10 00
9 Widow T. H. W.	15 00
9 Widow R. A. K.	15 00
9 Widow G. S.	15 00
9 Widow J. H. H.	10 00
9 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	
Relief, Hamilton,	
for orphan M. N.	10 00
9 Sister T. H. B.	15 00
9 Widow J. K.	25 00
0 Widow E. H.	20 00
9 Daughter P. P.	20 00
9 Widow J. F. H.	15 00
9 Widow A. M.	15 00
9 G. C. H., Hamilton,	
Bro. J. W.	10 00
9 Bro. R. T. S.	25 00
9 Sec.-Treas L. B. of	
Relief, Hamilton,	
for Bro. J. B. S.	37 50
9 Bro. W. C.	25 00
9 Widow R. W.	10 00

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9 Widow R. M. K.	15 00
9 Bro. W. H.	25 00
9 M. W. Bro. R. T. W.,	
Kingston, for dau.	
J. D.	25 00
9 Widow J. M.	20 00
9 Widow J. W.	10 00
9 Widow W. P.	20 00
9 Widow J. W.	10 00
9 Widow W. J. A.	20 00
9 Bro. W. McC	25 00
9 Widow H. L. K.	20 00
9 Widow W. T.	15 00
9 Widow T. E.	15 00
9 Widow J. H.	10 00
9 Widow A. F.	30 00
9 Widow J. W.	10 00
9 Widow W. J. S.	15 00
9 Widow W. D. S.	15 00
9 Widow T. W. H.	10 00
9 Widow T. G. S.	10 00
9 Widow T. McC. L.	10 00
9 Widow G. C.	15 00
9 Widow A. J.	15 00
9 Widow G. G.	20 00
9 Widow R. L.	10 00
9 Mother C. E. M.	10 00
9 Bro. J. C. W.	25 00
9 Widow J. W.	10 00
9 Widow J. LeC.	10 00
9 Widow L. G. J.	10 00
9 Widow J. L. Y.	10 00
9 Widow W. P.	10 00
9 Widow G. T.	15 00
9 Widow W. H.	50 00
9 Widow T. B.	10 00
9 Widow P. G.	20 00
9 Widow J. E.	20 00
9 Widow J. L. H.	15 00
9 Widow W. H. S.	10 00
9 Widow W. B.	20 00
9 Widow D. G.	15 00
9 Widow J. W. Mac.	20 00
9 Daughter W. K.	10 00
9 Widow W. K.	20 00
9 Widow J. B.	15 00
9 Widow W. L.	10 00
9 Widow W. M. H.	40 00
9 Widow H. H.	20 00
9 Wife S. M. D.	20 00
9 Widow F. G. B.	20 00
9 Widow T. B.	15 00
9 Widow J. W.	10 00
9 Widow J. McK.	10 00

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9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Ottawa, for orphan J. L.	25 00
9 Widow W. M.	10 00
9 Widow A. M.	10 00
9 Widow T. S. S.	10 00
9 Widow G. S. McF.	20 00
9 Widow C. H. Mac.	20 00
9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Peterboro, for Bro. R. H. G.	50 00
9 Widow W. B.	10 00
9 Widow H. C.	20 00
9 Widow C. D. Mac.	20 00
9 Widow G. H. N.	15 00
9 Sister W. C.	25 00
9 Widow W. M.	20 00
9 Widow F. C.	10 00
9 Bro. H. O. H.	50 00
9 Bro. E. G.	50 00
9 Widow L. Y.	20 00
9 Widow G. S.	20 00
9 Widow W. J.	20 00
9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for orphan M. P.	20 00
9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief for Bro. J. H.	50 00
9 Widow G. T. P.	10 00
9 Widow F. S. B.	10 00
9 Widow R. D. M.	15 00
9 Widow R. P.	15 00
9 Widow J. M.	10 00
9 Widow A. R. P.	30 00
9 Widow J. T. G.	20 00
9 Widow A. S. W.	15 00
9 Widow T. R.	15 00
9 Widow J. McK.	20 00
9 Widow R. H.	10 00
9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M.	50 00
9 Widow J. R. L. S.	15 00
9 Widow S. R.	15 00
9 Widow G. W. S.	15 00
9 Widow J. T. J.	20 00
9 Widow G. H. B.	15 00
9 Widow J. O.	20 00
9 Mother J. O.	10 00
9 Wife F. D.	25 00
9 Widow A. G.	15 00
9 Widow C. W. W.	15 00
9 Widow J. A. W.	20 00

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9 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief of Toronto for Widow A. L.	20 00
9 Widow W. E. S.	25 00
9 Widow T. V.	20 00
9 Widow T. B. L.	10 00
9 Widow S. B.	15 00
9 Bro. M. G. R.	50 00
9 Daughter W. W.	20 00
9 Widow J. M.	10 00
9 Widow H. H.	15 00
9 Widow F. M. B.	20 00
9 Widow W. H. K.	15 00
9 Widow R. G. B.	15 00
9 Widow A. C.	20 00
9 Widow J. A.	10 00
9 Daughter J. C.	30 00
9 Widow M. C. B.	20 00
9 Widow J. B.	15 00
9 Bro. L.	25 00
9 Widow J. H.	10 00
9 Widow J. B.	20 00
9 Bro. J. W. C.	25 00
9 Widow W. B. W.	15 00
9 Widow J. S. B.	15 00
9 Bro. S. G. R.	50 00
9 Bro. B. B.	25 00
9 Bro. W. W.	50 00
9 Widow T. H. S.	20 00
9 Bro. A. C.	25 00
9 Widow C. E. S. B.	10 00
9 Widow M. F. H.	10 00
9 Bro. A. K.	50 00
9 Widow A. B. DeP.	20 00
9 Widow E. W.	10 00
9 Bro. J. C.	50 00
9 Widow C. A.	10 00
9 Bro. F. M.	50 00
9 W. M. Lodge No. 45, Brantford, for or- phan of J. J.	10 00
9 Widow E. K.	10 00
9 Widow J. F.	20 00
9 Widow D. L. C.	10 00
9 Widow B. H. E.	20 00
9 Widow T. S. A.	40 00
9 Widow A. C.	20 00
9 Widow S. H. V.	15 00
9 Widow W. J. S.	30 00
9 Widow H. E.	40 00
9 Widow M. G. V.	10 00
9 Widow J. M. A.	10 00
9 Bro. J. W.	25 00
9 Widow G. C.	25 00

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9 Mrs. G. W. R. . . .	50 00
9 Widow A. McL. . .	10 00
9 Widow A. C. C. . .	15 00
9 Bro. J. A. S. . . .	12 50
9 Bro. J. P. . . .	25 00
9 Widow G. G. . . .	10 00
9 Widow G. C. . . .	20 00
9 Widow S. T. . . .	20 00
9 Widow M. J. L. . .	10 00
9 Mother J. B. C. . .	40 00
9 Widow D. S. . . .	20 00
9 Widow J. G. L. . .	40 00
9 Widow C. G. . . .	15 00
9 Widow R. F. . . .	10 00
9 Widow J. C. . . .	20 00
9 Daughter S. S. . .	20 00
9 Widow J. H. . . .	15 00
9 Bro. J. E. R. . . .	50 00
9 Widow J. W. . . .	40 00
9 Widow W. A. . . .	10 00
9 Widow J. S. . . .	10 00
9 Widow G. W. . . .	10 00
9 Widow D. S. . . .	10 00
9 Widow C. B. B. . .	20 00
9 Widow P. R. D. . .	10 00
9 Widow W. E. S. . .	15 00
9 Bro. J. S. . . .	25 00
9 Daughter C. B. . .	20 00
9 Widow S. A. . . .	20 00
9 Widow C. M. . . .	20 00
9 Widow J. W. H. . .	15 00
9 Widow J. A. MacI. .	15 00
9 Daughter T. L. . .	20 00
9 Widow J. R. . . .	25 00
9 Widow F. M. D. . .	20 00
9 Bro. G. W. A. P. . .	50 00
9 M. W. Bro. A. A. S. for widow J. A. . .	30 00
9 Widow H. G. G. . .	40 00
9 W.M. Lodge No. 131 Southampton, for Bro. J. P. . . .	50 00
9 W. M. Lodge 136, Stouffville, for Bro. J. C. . . .	25 00
9 Widow S. L. . . .	20 00
9 Bro. R. C. W. . . .	25 00
9 Widow W. E. J. . .	25 00
9 Widow L. W. W. . .	20 00
9 Widow J. A. . . .	25 00
9 W. M. Lodge No. 146, Newburgh, for orphans J.R.S. . .	20 00
9 Widow R. G. . . .	10 00

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9 Widow R. S. . . .	50 00
9 Widow W. C. . . .	20 00
9 Widow N. R. R. . .	40 00
9 Widow L. N. . . .	20 00
9 Widow A. S. . . .	40 00
9 Widow H. D. F. . .	20 00
9 Widow R. E. H. . .	15 00
9 Widow J. G. . . .	10 00
9 Wife W. K. . . .	20 00
9 Widow J. P. . . .	30 00
9 Widow J. Z. . . .	10 00
9 Widow W. S. . . .	20 00
9 Widow T. B. P. . .	15 00
9 Widow D. S. L. . .	15 00
9 Widow R. H. W. . .	20 00
9 Widow J. A. S. . .	20 00
9 Widow E. S. . . .	15 00
9 Widow R. C. C. . .	15 00
9 Widow C. J. W. . .	10 00
9 Widow J. W. . . .	20 00
9 Daughter J. McE. . .	10 00
9 Widow R. C. . . .	15 00
9 Widow G. W. A. . .	20 00
9 Widow A. A. C. . .	10 00
9 Widow E. D. . . .	20 00
9 Bro. J. F. S. . . .	25 00
9 Widow J. E. . . .	15 00
9 Bro. T. R. W. . . .	50 00
9 Widow H. R. . . .	20 00
9 Widow O. Y. . . .	20 00
9 Widow A. B. . . .	20 00
9 Bro. N. K. . . .	50 00
9 Bro. F. McL. . . .	25 00
9 Widow J. M. . . .	10 00
9 Widow F. B. . . .	10 00
9 Widow H. L. . . .	10 00
9 Widow W. B. S. . .	25 00
9 Widow A. A. M. . .	20 00
9 Bro. J. B. . . .	50 00
9 Bro. J. D. . . .	50 00
9 Bro. H. H. . . .	25 00
9 W. Bro. G. H. W., P. M. Lodge No. 348, Penetang, for Bro. G. A. F. C. . . .	25 00
9 Widow A. A. N. . .	25 00
9 Widow A. E. B. . .	15 00
9 Widow F. C. . . .	20 00
9 Widow J. E. E. . .	10 00
9 Widow R. A. P. . .	15 00
9 W.M. Lodge No. 373 Welland, for or- phans C. A. W. C. . .	40 00
9 Bro. W. McK. . . .	25 00

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It affords me great pleasure to present my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in Erie District No. 1 for the past year. I wish particularly to mention the kind, courteous and brotherly way in which I have been used by the officers and members of the several lodges in the District, and I wish here to thank them one and all for their hospitality and kindness to me.

Masonry is in a flourishing condition in the District. There are twenty-six lodges, with eighteen hundred and sixty-eight members in good standing. During the year there have been one hundred and eighty-five initiations, twenty-eight deaths, twenty-eight suspensions for N. P. D., twenty restorations, thirty-five affiliations and forty-six resignations, a gain in membership of one hundred and thirty-six for the year.

The only reproach to the District is the indifference or even hostility of some of the lodges to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and I must say that some of the richest lodges are the worst sinners in this matter.

There was one communication of Grand Lodge held in the district, when on February 17th Most Wor. Bro. Allen, assisted by Most Wor. Bro. H. Murray and other officers and members of Grand Lodge, dedicated the magnificent rooms of Great Western and Windsor lodges to Craft purposes. About two hundred Masons were present at the ceremony, after which a reception was held by

the officers and members, which was attended by the wives, daughters and friends of the Craft in Windsor and vicinity. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the Craft in Windsor received many congratulations on their splendid quarters.

The following deaths of brethren in the District have been reported to me for the year: W. Bro. John A. Cillies, P. M., of McColl Lodge No. 386, who died June 28, 1904; Bro. S. S. McKay, M. M. of Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, who died July 8, 1904; Bro. James McGuire, M. M. of Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, who died September 12, 1904, at Essex; Bro. William Wigle, M. M. of St. George's Lodge No. 41, who died October 30, 1904; W. Bro. Hugh Ruthven, P. M. of St. George's Lodge No. 41, who died October 31, 1904, he was the last of the charter members of the lodge; Bro. James McNally, M. M. of Great Western Lodge No. 47, who died November 27, 1904; V. W. Bro. Geo. Middleditch, P. M. of Howard Lodge No. 391, and P. G. S. of Grand Lodge; Bro. Geo. A. Peace, E. A. of Wellington Lodge No. 46, who died December 11, 1904; W. Bro. C. J. Campbell, P. M. of Lorne Lodge No. 282, who died December 24, 1904; Bro. Geo. Harvey Dean, E. A. of Xenophon Lodge No. 448, who died January 8, 1905; W. Bro. James C. Guillot, P. M. of Windsor Lodge No. 403, who died January 28, 1905; Bro. Jonathan Lowry, M. M. of Windsor Lodge No. 403, who died December 1, 1904; Bro. John S. Mid-daugh, M. M. of St. George's Lodge, No. 41, who died October 19, 1904; Bro. Eber Moon, M. M. of Parvain Lodge No. 395, who died February 2nd, 1905; W. Bro. John Duck, P. M. of Howard Lodge No. 391, who died February 16, 1905, aged 81 years (W. Bro. Duck was initiated in King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, in July, 1856); Bro. Thomas Nichol, M. M. of Wellington Lodge No. 46, who died March 2, 1905; Bro. Geo. A. Rigg, M. M. of Great Western Lodge No. 47, who died March 6, 1905; Bro. William Coybe, M. M., of Great Western Lodge No. 47, who died April 8, 1905; Bro. Robert Cumming, M. M. of Kent Lodge No. 274, who died May 27, 1905; Bro. Richard Elliott, M. M. of Thistle Lodge No. 34, who died May 23, 1905; Bro. Ed. Quennell, M. M. of Pnyx Lodge No. 312, who died May 23, 1905; W. Bro. Robert Riddell, P. M. of Wellington Lodge No. 46, who died June 8, 1905; W. Bro. John R. Park, P. M. of This-

tle Lodge No. 34; Bro. Leonard N. Scratch, M. M. of St. George Lodge No. 41, who died March 5, 1905; Bro. Deidrich Lipphardt, M. M. of McColl Lodge No. 386, who died October 20, 1904; W. Bro. Charles Brown, P. M. of Rodney Lodge No. 411.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted by me during the year: To Lorne Lodge, No. 282, to attend divine service on October 9, 1904; to Wellington Lodge, No. 46, to attend divine service on December 18, 1904; to St. George's Lodge, No. 41, to attend divine service on January 1, 1905; to Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, to attend divine service June 18, 1905; to Central Lodge, No. 402, to attend divine service on June 25, 1905; to Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, to attend divine service on June 25, 1905; to Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, to attend divine service June 25, 1905; to Howard Lodge, No. 391, to attend divine service June 25, 1905; to Kent Lodge, No. 274, to attend divine service July 2, 1905.

Requests for dispensations to install from the following lodges: Sydenham, No. 255; Great Western, No. 47, and Pnyx, No. 312, were referred to the Grand Master.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A Lodge of Instruction was held under the charter of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, on March 31. The Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees were exemplified in the afternoon on the actual candidates, the former by the W. Master and officers of Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex, the latter by the W. Master and officers of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg. After a splendid banquet, furnished by Thistle Lodge, the W. Master and officers of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor, conferred the third degree on their own candidate accurately and very impressively. There were about 130 present at the banquet and evening session, including visitors from Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury; Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington; Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex; Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor; Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor; Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville; Partheon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham. All the lodges taking part were commended for their manner of doing their work by the P. D. D. G. M's present, of

whom we had four, R. W. Bros. E. Wigle, E. Worth, Geo. E. White and J. B. Rankin. I also asked the brethren of the Chatham lodges to allow me to hold a Lodge of Instruction under their charters, which they said they would be pleased to do as soon as their new lodge rooms were dedicated, which they expected would be in March. But as the dedication has not taken place yet I was unable to hold it.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have visited every lodge in the District at least once, with the exception of Florence Lodge, No. 390, which had the misfortune to be burned out about the first of March, and has not opened up yet but expect to shortly.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne: I visited this, my mother lodge, on December 9. There being no candidate present the W. Master and officers opened and closed in the three degrees, which they did in a very satisfactory manner.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg: I visited this Lodge on December 6 and witnessed a third degree. The candidate was not as well posted as he should have been, and the officers showed a lack of careful practice, but I am pleased to be able to say that at the Lodge of Instruction held in March they showed marked improvement in both these matters.

Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville: I visited this Lodge on December 20. The evening was so stormy that two candidates and the Senior Warden, who had some distance to drive, did not come, but a candidate for the third degree being present he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Wor. P. M's Elliott and Long, assisted by the other officers and volunteers of the lodge. The Master's work was very well done, the other officers, being mostly volunteers, should not be closely criticised.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: I was asked to visit this lodge in this date, January 17, to present a Past Master's jewel to R. W. Bro. Worth. Through some delay the jewel did not arrive, but the newly elected officers (this was their first meeting) showed that they were enthusiastic in the work by opening and closing in the several degrees in a very creditable manner.

Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe: I visited this Lodge on January 19. There being no candidate present the

D. Master and officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a faultless manner, meanwhile asking a number of questions, which showed they were close students of the Masonic work.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney: Accompanied by several brethren from West Lorne I visited Rodney lodge on February 28 and witnessed the conferring of the Fellowcraft degree. The work was very well done when allowance is made for the work of volunteers who were filling the places of absent officers.

Century Lodge, No. 457, Merlin: On my visit to Century lodge I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Milner and V. W. Bro. Becker, of West Lorne. This being the infant lodge of the district, and having no Past Masters, R. W. Bro. Milner kindly consented to install their officers, which he did in his usual impressive manner, after which the newly installed officers closed in the several degrees.

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex: I visited this lodge on March 15, accompanied by W. Bro. Jordan, of Dutton. On this evening the W. Master, assisted by P. M's and officers, conferred a first, second and third degree. The candidates were all well posted and the work well done in every respect.

Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg: I visited this lodge on April 17, and found them doing fairly good work, but the officers should get together and practice occasionally. Bro. E. E. Parker is the model Secretary of the district, having only one member on his books 12 months or over in arrears for dues.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: This lodge is doing a lot of work and doing it well. They had a good attendance, although the night was bad. The Past Masters turn out and take an interest in the work. Since my visit the Secretary informs me they have made arrangements to move into larger and more convenient rooms.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell: I visited this lodge on April 19, when I witnessed the conferring of a first degree, which was done in a faultless manner by the W. Master and his officers.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury: Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Becker, of West Lorne, I visited this lodge on May 2. This is a first-class lodge, and the W. Master and his officers conferred a second degree in a splendid manner.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: On my visit to this lodge I was accompanied by a number of West Lorne and Rodney brethren. A number of interesting questions were asked and a pleasant and profitable evening spent.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden: I visited this Lodge on May 11, where I witnessed the conferring of a first degree on a very nervous candidate, who made it very difficult for the officers to show how well they could do the work. I had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. J. B. Carscallen with a P. D. D. G. M's apron from Erie District No. 1.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: I visited this lodge on May 11, where I witnessed the conferring of a first degree. The work was fairly well done, but might be improved by a little practice by the officers when there is no candidate present.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown: I visited this lodge on May 15, where I witnessed the conferring of three second degrees. The work was well done by the W. Master and officers, but the candidates should have been more thoroughly posted.

Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley: I visited this lodge on May 16. The candidate for the evening (a doctor) having been called out of town the W. Master and officers conferred the degree (2nd) on the youngest member of the lodge. He showed that he had been thoroughly posted, and the degree was conferred in a faultless manner.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: I visited this lodge on May 18. Good live lodge, good attendance. The third degree was conferred in an impressive manner, but the work might be improved in some points by a little careful practice.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: I visited this lodge, accompanied by Bro. Conway, of West Lorne, on May 25. This is the strongest lodge in the district, and they pride themselves on doing good work. Their present W. M. confers a degree in the most impressive manner of any officer I have heard on my official visits. On this occasion they conferred a first degree which was practically faultless.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor: I visited this lodge on May 26, when I witnessed the conferring of a

third degree. The W. Master was suffering from a very bad throat, but notwithstanding this handicap the work was splendidly done.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington: I visited this lodge on June 13. A good live lodge; they are nearly out of debt after having been burned out only a year and a half ago and fitting up and furnishing splendid rooms since that. On the occasion of my visit they conferred a second degree on a candidate (who was thoroughly posted) in a very satisfactory manner.

Partheon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: I visited this lodge on June 14. The evening was very warm and the attendance not as large as it otherwise would have been. The candidate, who had just recovered from a lengthy illness, was consequently not as well posted as he should have been. The W. Master had been called out of the city that afternoon on important business, and all the offices with the exception of Tyler and Senior Warden were filled by volunteers. Considering these circumstances I do not feel justified in criticising their work (a second degree), although it was not up to what I expected. But I must say for the Chatham brethren that they are filled with the genuine Masonic spirit.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: I visited this lodge on June 19. There was a fair attendance, considering the hot evening. The degree (a first) was conferred by the W. Master and officers in a very pleasing manner, and I was much pleased to hear the P. M., who was asked to deliver the charge from the B. of C. do so from memory, as there are very few who can read this without destroying most of its beauties.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. F. WEBSTER, D. D. G. M.,
Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degrees Conf'd			Attentions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.		
			E. A.	F. C.				M. M.	Regular.	Emergency.						Total.													
34	Thistle	Amherstburg ..	77	13	1	15	10	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	22	35	20	\$26	20	Not	Given	July 13	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	\$ 600 00	
41	St. George's ..	Kingsville	93	3	2	5	3	3	1	4	1	4	1	4	4	12	7	19	23	25	00	9	\$ 40 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	1800 00	
46	Wellington ..	Chatham	164	3	6	6	8	5	1	6	1	6	1	6	3	11	13	24	33	28	00	35	280 00	March 12	Good	Fine	Yes	360 00	
47	Grt. West'n ..	Windsor	266	26	1	26	25	21	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	12	35	47	35	75	00	75	400 00	Jan. 19, '05	Good	Good	Yes	360 00	
48	Tecumseh ..	Thamesville ..	57	1	5	6	5	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	...	14	14	16	20	20	00	6	82 77	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
55	Sydenham ..	Dresden	71	7	6	5	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	5	17	24	25	00	3	36 00	June 24, '05	Good	Grand	Yes	400 00
56	Partheon	Chatham	119	25	23	21	18	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	...	13	20	33	35	...	41	399 80	June 24, '04	Splendid	Grand	Yes	500 00		
57	Kent	Hlenheim	80	13	1	9	6	4	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	14	6	20	25	...	18	110 00	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	400 00		
58	Lorne	Glencoe	54	1	3	3	2	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	16	78	50	14	39 50	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
59	Leamington ..	Leamington ..	113	6	7	4	7	4	3	6	1	1	1	1	2	14	12	26	20	...	35	129 31	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	950 00		
60	Puys	Wallaceburg ..	91	5	7	6	6	...	2	1	1	1	1	4	...	13	13	12	...	...	1	...	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	No	500 00	
61	TheHammond ..	Wardsville	23	...	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	2	4	...	...	11	3	14	16	...	17	55 00	June 28, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00	
62	Highgate	Highgate	57	...	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	5	17	15	125	00	8	30 00	June 21, '05	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
63	McCull	West Lorne ..	66	4	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	10	11	1	9	5	00	25	75 00	July 7, '05	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
64	Florence	Florence	26	3	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	4	16	19	5	00	12	97 75	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
65	Ridgetown ..	Ridgetown	81	3	10	9	6	...	1	2	4	...	...	...	1	12	1	13	12	5	00	23	93 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
66	Parvaun	Comber	50	4	4	4	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	1	9	20	17	...	23	93 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
67	Central	Essex	59	2	10	10	8	...	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	7	20	10	...	Not	Given	June 24, '05	Good	Very Good	Yes	250 00	
68	Windsor	Windsor	193	24	24	18	20	6	1	5	...	...	...	...	2	13	34	46	33	35	00	14	139 50	Dec. 1904	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
69	Rodney	Rodney	33	3	4	6	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	7	20	10	...	3	157 00	June 24, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	210 00	
70	Naphtali	Tilbury	77	5	7	6	7	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	10	23	14	...	11	86 46	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
71	Star of East ..	Bothwell	44	...	2	3	1	...	1	1	3	...	...	...	1	10	2	12	13	15	00	4	34 75	Jan'y, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
72	Xenophon ..	Whealey	32	...	2	3	1	...	1	1	1	1	10	2	12	13	Good	Good	Yes	210 00
73	Century	Merlin	22	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	8	1	9	12	Good	Good	Yes	200 00

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District No. 2 for the year ending July, 1905, I wish at the outset to express my deep appreciation to the brethren of the district, and especially to those who were assembled in Brockville in July, 1904, for the expression of confidence in electing me to the high office of D. D. G. M. and for the many kindnesses and courtesies received. My association with the brethren in the various lodges has been one continual round of pleasure, and my only regret is that circumstances over which I had no control made it necessary for me to spend several months outside the district, and consequently placed me in a position where it was impossible to give the close attention to Masonic matters I would like to have given.

It has been my pleasure to meet with each of the lodges with the exception of Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, at least once. In every case except one the W. M. was in his chair. With very few exceptions all officers and a large attendance is recorded. In a few lodges considerable improvement can be made in the work, but in every lodge where such a condition exists the W. M. and those brethren who are closely associated with the work have a full understanding of this and are doing their best to reach a much higher standard. It does not seem necessary to point out any lodge in particular. My successor will surely find them abreast with the most successful, or faithfully laboring with that object in view, and, "Pluck wins, it always wins, though days be slow and nights be long twixt days that come and go, still pluck will win, its average is sure, he wins the prize who can the most endure." In the majority of the lodges in the district the work being done is of an exceedingly high character and reflects much credit on the P. D. D. G. M's, the W. M's,

P. M's and officers of the various lodges. The condition of Masonry generally in St. Clair District No. 2 is good, and from the earnest endeavor that is being put forth by those in charge must continue to grow even better as years go by.

DISPENSATION.

During the year I issued the following dispensation: Washington Lodge, No. 260, to appear in public clothed as Masons to attend divine worship.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

I regret to report that the mortality in the district has been greater perhaps than in the preceding year. The following deaths have been reported: Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Bros. Judge John A. MacKenzie, D. McMaster, Capt. J. B. Symes, J. V. Morrell and Dr. T. G. Johnston; St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Bro. John W. Simpson; Burns Lodge, No. 153, R. W. Bro. A. E. Harvey; Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Bro. Robert Dunn; Washington Lodge, No. 260, Bro. John McKee; Moore Lodge, No. 294, Bro. W. H. Watson; Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Bro. Thomas Logan; Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Bros. W. W. Van-Horne and W. H. Millman; St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Bros. James J. Logan and Rev. R. M. Carlisle; Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, one member, name not given.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A Lodge of Instruction was held on the afternoon and evening of Good Friday, April 21st, 1905, under the auspices of Havelock Lodge, No. 238. R. W. Bro. Judge D. F. MacWatt; the late R. W. Bro. Dr. A. E. Harvey, of Burns Lodge; R. W. Bros. John Sinclair, of Petrolea Lodge; Alex. Saunder, of Havelock and Victoria; George Sutherland, of Cassia, and Dr. Newell, of Havelock Lodge, with a very large attendance of Masters, Past Masters and brethren from sixteen lodges in the district and two outside lodges were present. W. Bro. S. Rivers, of Havelock Lodge, No. 238, and officers exemplified the first degree, and W. Bro. William Lawrie and officers of Forest Lodge exemplified the second degree in the afternoon. The work in each degree was exceptionally well rendered, and reflects great credit on each of the officers who took part in the same. The third degree was exemplified in the evening by W. Bro. William Brown, of Moore Lodge, and was given in such a manner as to bring

forth only complimentary remarks from the brethren present.

The presentation by R. W. Bros. Judge D. F. Macwatt, George Sutherland and the late R. W. Bro. Dr. A. E. Harvey, on behalf of the District, of a very beautiful D. D. G. M. regalia to each of the following P. D. D. G. M's, John Sinclair, Petrolea Lodge; George Holwell, Cassia Lodge; Dr. James Newell, Havelock Lodge, who had served as D. D. G. M's in the pioneer days, and Dr. Wil-mott, of Beaver Lodge, was one of the pleasant features of the evening.

My official visit during the afternoon gave me an opportunity of witnessing the work of W. Bro. Rivers and officers at a time perhaps when it was more difficult for them to feel as much at home as they would ordinarily have done, and still they proved themselves as masters of the art.

After the close of one of the most successful Lodges of Instruction ever held in the District, Havelock Lodge entertained and banqueted the visiting brethren at Roche's Hotel. The visitors will long remember with pleasure their visit to Watford on the afternoon and evening of Good Friday, 1905.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia: An increase of seventeen, forty-six degrees conferred, \$1111.00 contributed to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and \$136.00 paid for relief shows something of the amount and character of the work done by Victoria Lodge during the past twelve months. My predecessors will recall the very enthusiastic way in which this, the banner lodge in the District, does its work and entertains its guests. My official visit on the evening of Tuesday, April 4th, 1905, was an exceedingly pleasant one, and was no exception to the general rule. The first degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. W. A. Henderson, M. D., in a most impressive manner. His work was almost letter perfect. The W. M. is well supported by the Wardens and other junior officers. The lecture by the J. W., Bro. Thomas Montgomery, was exceptionally well rendered. The attendance at this meeting was very large. Among the many visitors present might be mentioned M. W. Bro. Neil Mc-Millan, Past G. M. of the G. L. of Michigan, and R. W.

Bro. Judge D. F. MacWatt, both of whom referred to the work of the W. M. and officers in complimentary terms. This lodge is in excellent condition. The fourth degree was well exemplified and much appreciated.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges: I visited this lodge on the evening of April 18, 1905. The attendance was good, with several visitors from Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, present. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. T. McEvoy and officers in a creditable manner. The Secretary, Bro. T. C. West, is ever faithful in his duty.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy: My official visit to Beaver Lodge, No. 83, was made on the evening of Friday, March 24, 1905. There was an attendance of forty members. The W. M., W. Bro. H. C. Pope, was disappointed in not having a candidate present. The work of opening and closing in the three degrees proved the efficiency of the W. M. and officers. R. W. Bros. Wilmott and Whitehead, of Beaver Lodge, and Lindsay, of St. John's Lodge, were present and spoke promisingly of the future of Beaver Lodge, No. 83.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: I visited this lodge on the evening of Monday, April 17, 1905. The attendance was not just as good as I had hoped for. The third degree was well exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. A. J. Grant. The work of the junior officers could be, and from the earnestness shown, will be much improved during the present year. There was a large number of brethren from Arkona Lodge present. The banquet following the work of the evening was a complete success.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming: Accompanied by W. Bros. Fulcher, Symington and Patton I visited Burns Lodge on the evening of Thursday, April 13, 1905. The attendance of members and visitors from Washington and Petrolia lodges was very large. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was well exemplified in every particular by the W. M., W. Bro. Fisher and officers. The late R. W. Bro. Harvey took an active part in the work of the evening, and especially in assisting to entertain the visiting members present. He will be missed very much by the brethren.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs: Unable to make train connections so as to keep my appointment with Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, of Oil Springs, on the evening of February 18, 1905, I delegated R. W. Bro.

Saunders as my representative, and he, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Neil McLean, of Wyoming, visited this lodge officially on the date stated, and reports the lodge officered by a competent staff, the meetings attended by a few very enthusiastic members, but the attendance is not what it should be considering the membership of the lodge and the efficiency with which the work of the officers is discharged. For some little time past this lodge has been experiencing a period of inactivity, but it is hoped that such may have passed before the next Grand Lodge report. The Oil Springs brethren are royal entertainers, and a social hour was very agreeably passed after the close of the lodge meeting.

Petrolea Lodge, No. 194, Petrolea: My first official visit in the District was made to Petrolea Lodge on the evening of March 8, 1905. The attendance of members and visitors was good. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the second degree, in which W. Bro. C. F. Reid and officers excelled themselves. R. W. Bro. John Sinclair was present. His untiring efforts for the Craft has no doubt been especially helpful to this, his home lodge. The Semi-Centennial Fund, with this R. W. brother's assistance, will be well contributed to. The banquet at the Fletcher House at the close of the meeting was a very pleasant event. I was accompanied by W. Bro. C. O. Trusler to this meeting.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona: Accompanied by W. Bro. William Lawrie, of Forest Lodge, I visited this lodge on the evening of April 6, 1905. While the membership is not large the attendance was exceptionally good. There was no work on, and still the opening and closing of the three degrees went to show that the W. M., W. Bro. Brander and officers were well qualified to fill their respective positions. All possible encouragement should be given to the smaller lodges.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolea: My official visit to Washington Lodge on April 5, 1905, gave me one of the most pleasant evenings spent in the District during the year. The attendance of members and visitors was exceptionally good. The third degree was beautifully exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. John Read and officers, and following the meeting the banquet at the Iroquois Hotel was in every sense a complete success.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: I visited Forest

Lodge, No. 263, on the evening of Aril 12, 1905. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including several from Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill, and St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London. The work of exemplifying the second degree by the W. M., W. Bro. William Lawrie and officers was a credit to Forest Lodge. W. Bro. Lawrie afterwards exemplified the second degree at the Lodge of Instruction. He also has the credit of having collected over \$60.00 from the brethren of Forest Lodge within a few days of this meeting for the Semi-Centennial Fund. The banquet at the Johnston House was a happy event and one that will be long remembered by all who were present.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright: I visited Moore Lodge on the evening of March 30, 1905. The roads being almost impassable interfered somewhat with the attendance, which was still fairly good. W. Bro. Brown took the chair in the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. F. K. Johnston. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a highly creditable manner. W. Bro. Brown reports 95 per cent. of the members as having contributed \$1.00 each to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston: Accompanied by W. Bro. Neil Campbell, of Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, I visited this lodge on the evening of March 23, 1905. The attendance was only fair, compared with the membership, which no doubt was largely due to the condition of the roads. The exemplification of the first degree by the W. M., W. Bro. H. F. Gilroy, went to show that the reputation of Alvinston Lodge for good work is being carefully guarded by the present W. M. and officers.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier: Accompanied by Bro. J. S. Williams I visited Ionic Lodge on the evening of April 14, 1905. The W. M., W. Bro. Richardson and officers exemplified the first degree very creditably. This lodge has had considerable up-hill work in the past few years, but is now adding some good material, is full of hope, and is entitled to congratulations all around for their splendid and successful efforts. A pleasant hour was spent with the brethren in the banqueting room at the close of the meeting.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne: On March 22, 1905, I visited Dufferin Lodge. The attendance was rather small. The opening and closing of the three de-

grees, which was the only work done during the evening, went to show that W. Bro. Acton was especially anxious to do his part well. Bro. John W. Campbell, Senior Warden, is well fitted to fill the chair, and will do much to improve the present condition of Dufferin Lodge.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: I visited this, my home lodge, on the evening of May 24, 1905. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The work of the evening consisted only in the opening and closing the three degrees. During the past few months it has been my pleasure to witness the exemplification of several degrees by the W. M., W. Bro. Burnley, and officers. They are well qualified to fill their respective places. The banquet at the King Edward Hotel passed off very successfully. With the presence of our Senior Warden, Fred W. Brown, who is located in Tacoma, Washington Territory, it would have been the most successful event of the season.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden: I visited this lodge on the evening of March 29, 1905. The attendance was fairly good. The work of exemplifying the first degree by W. Bro. John W. McDonald and officers was especially praiseworthy. The banquet held at the Commercial Hotel proved the brethren of Leopold to be royal entertainers.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Pt. Edward: Accompanied by some twenty brethren from Victoria and Tuscan Lodges I visited Bismarck Lodge on the evening of April 10th, 1905. The attendance was only fair, compared with the membership. This probably was largely due to the fact that a large number of the members are railroad men and find it difficult to arrange their work so as to be present at all meetings. The exemplification of the first degree by the W. M., W. Bro. C. A. Livingstone, and officers, went to show their efficiency. R. W. Bro. George, the present Secretary, takes much pride in keeping Bismarck to the front.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra: Accompanied by W. Bro. William Brown, of Moore Lodge, I visited this lodge on the evening of March 28, 1905. The work of the evening was the third degree, which was very ably exemplified by W. Bro. H. Roebuck. The meeting was well attended, which goes to show that the members of St. Clair Lodge are especially interested in Masonic matters.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia: The splendid record of this lodge, the baby in the District, during the past year is attributed to the good work of W. Bro. William Shaw and his staff of officers. An increase of 18, 41 degrees conferred, \$50 paid for relief, and \$47 contributed to the Semi-Centennial Fund form^e part of the record. My official visit on the evening of Wednesday, April 19, 1905, was a very pleasant one. The attendance was very large. Among the many visitors might be mentioned R. W. Bros. Macwatt, Saunders, Weir and George. The third degree was well exemplified. The entertainment furnished in the lodge room after the labors of the evening were ended was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During my visitations some reference was made to the ballot and the privilege and duty of members in the use of the same, I have endeavored to point out that it could seldom if ever be a privilege, well used, to bar the admission of our fellow man to the beautiful lessons taught in Masonry, and that still there might be a time when duty would compel its use for this purpose, and that when to us it would appear that time had arrived, we should endeavor to show as much charity as did those brethren who looked favorably on our admission, and practice the "Golden Rule."

On account of my absence from home during the greater part of the first several months of the year, it was next to impossible for me to act in accordance with the plans laid out by the Chairman of the General Committee in the Semi-Centennial Fund. During the latter part of my term of office I have had the pleasure of bringing this matter to the attention of the lodges in this district, many of which have subscribed very liberally. A statement of the several amounts as reported to me as having been collected, is being handed to the Grand Secretary. Special mention of some of the most successful ones has been made in the report of private lodges. In this connection I wish to say: If some of the brethren in the district have failed to rightly and thoroughly appreciate the great importance of this matter and the golden opportunity it affords them of rendering a little temporary assistance to those of the brethren who are in distress, it is surely a mistake of the head, and not of the heart, and consequently the blame should be left with myself, where it belongs. It is a pleasure to know that the district has

responded so liberally. I only regret to know that I have failed in bringing the matter home to the hearts of every member in the district.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the brethren in the district for the kindly assistance that has been given me from time to time, and for the kindly and hospitable manner in which I have been received by each and every lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. W. TRUSLER, D. D. G. M.,
St. Clair District No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem- bership.	Mem- bership.			E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Athletions.	Restorations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No of members 12 months Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.						
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.																									
Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	196	17	20	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	12	9	21	40	136	50	19	\$169	75	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Yes	\$2500 00	
St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges.....	65	9	3	7	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	5	18	20	46	00	14	25	00	June 28, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	1000 00
Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	104	2	3	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	14	15	30	40	00	4	250	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	300 00		
Cassia.....	Thedford.....	39	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	11	10	10	40	00	2	52	00	June 25, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	1200 00		
Burns.....	Wyoming.....	95	9	13	11	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	15	8	23	28	68	00	6	40	00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	10 00 00	
Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	55	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	11	11	11	24	00	3	70	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	241 67	
Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	76	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	13	25	00	3	27	00	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	200 00	
Waford.....	Waford.....	67	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	13	13	13	25	00	3	27	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	241 65	
Havelock.....	Waford.....	92	11	5	5	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	13	13	13	25	00	3	27	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	400 00	
Washington.....	Petrolia.....	330	12	7	7	8	10	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	13	17	17	30	10	00	2	25	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	200 00	
Forest.....	Forest.....	79	2	7	7	8	10	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	13	17	17	30	10	00	2	25	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes	500 00	
Moore.....	Courtright.....	37	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	12	13	13	18	5	00	4	86	00	June 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	250 00	
Arkona.....	Arkona.....	37	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	12	13	13	18	5	00	4	86	00	June 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	250 00	
Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	65	3	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	1	11	13	13	10	10	00	17	41	50	June 5, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	400 00	
Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	323	30	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	1	11	13	13	10	10	00	17	41	5	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	200 00	
Ionic.....	Napier.....	35	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	12	13	10	10	00	10	107	00	Dec. 31, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	400 00	
Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	31	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	12	13	10	10	00	10	107	00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	200 00	
Huron.....	Camlachie.....	56	4	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	1	15	17	17	32	50	8	7	107	00	July, 1905	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Yes	200 00
Leopold.....	Bridgen.....	59	6	10	5	4	4	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	11	12	13	16	32	50	8	96	50	Jan'y, 1905	Excell'nt	Excell'nt	Yes	Yes	2500 00	
Bismark.....	Pt. Edward.....	90	8	4	8	8	9	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	12	14	15	75	00	20	100	00	Dec. 30, '01	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes	2500 00	
St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	64	1	5	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	10	14	16	25	00	5	60	00	June 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	2500 00	
Toscan.....	Sarnia.....	119	18	11	18	12	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	12	10	22	30	50	00	19	60	00	June 28, '04	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Yes	1000 00	

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

Herewith I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in London District No. 3 for the year ending June 25, 1905.

The illustrious brethren who preceded me have leveled down the rough places and have worn the road so smooth that I found it was necessary to give very little attention to the machinery but simply to keep a firm hand on the steering wheel, and the whole affair, dashed down steep ravines, rounded curves, and climbed hills that to the ordinary traveller would seem dangerous, without a jar, and at the same time gave a thrill of pride, and pleasures to the brethren generally.

The brethren who so kindly consented to my unanimous election assisted me very materially in my round of inspection to the twenty-six lodges which comprise this district. Particularly were the brethren of the London and St. Thomas city lodges kind in assisting me in every possible way.

You will note by the tabular statement annexed a healthy growth of membership, and as far as I came in contact with and can learn, it is of the right material.

During the year I issued dispensations for brethren of the following lodges to attend divine service clothed as Masons: St. David's Lodge, No. 302; Henderson Lodge, No. 388; Cameron Lodge, No. 232; St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, and King Solomon Lodge, No. 394. Necessary fees for the same have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Bros. T. J. Lawlor, Jas. Smith, S. J. Ruddicombe, H. T. Pullen, Henry Munns, and R. W. Bro. John Simpson, of King Solomon, No. 378, London. Peace to their ashes.

Like warp and woof our destiny is woven fast,
 Linked in sympathy, like the keys of an organ vast,
 Pluck one thread and the web ye mar,
 Break but one of the thousand keys
 And the paining jar through all will run.

It is with the deepest regret I have to announce the sudden and unexpected death of one of the most energetic and zealous Craftsmen of this district in the person of R. W. Bro. A. Gordon McWhinney, Past Grand Senior Warden in 1900-01. Bro. McWhinney died July 10, 1905, at his native place, Belfast, Ireland, while on a tour in search of that greatest of all blessings—health. He was a Past Master of The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London, and had legions of friends among the Craft of Western Ontario, where he was widely known and highly respected as an upright man and a Mason, and had received high honors in all branches of Masonry. To me he was one

Who had lived to turn his slower feet
 Toward the western setting sun,
 To see his harvest all complete,
 His dream fulfilled, his duty done.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

As requested by the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, I appointed a sub-committee to work on the Semi-Centennial Fund, composed of R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, chairman; R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Broderick as treasurer, and W. Bro. Buchner as secretary. I also personally pressed the matter in every lodge, and I believe the results achieved will show well for this district.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

There is an old saying that

There is so much good in the worst of us,
 And so much bad in the best of us,
 That it hardly behoves any of us
 To talk about the rest of us.

Which always comes before me when I start to criticize the work of any lodge, and I have endeavored, not so much to criticize, as to point out in a friendly way where I thought a betterment might be made in the affairs of a lodge, with a view of obtaining as near perfection as can consistently be done.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas: Following in the line of my predecessors, my first official visit was paid to this lodge on September 1st. This is my mother lodge, and the brethren turned out in large numbers. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. P. S. Minshall and officers in a correct and impressive manner. This is one of the strongest lodges in the district, and its work is kept up to a very high standard at all times. R. W. Bro. L. Slater has been Secretary for many years and looks well after the welfare of the members.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton: On October 19, 1904 accompanied by several members from St. Thomas, I paid my official visit to this lodge. Fifty-two officers and members were present. The W. M., W. Bro. H. W. Bodman and his officers conferred the first degree on Bro. Sanders and did the work extremely well. Future prospects good. Bro. Dr. D. A. Cameron makes a splendid Secretary.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London: Visited this lodge on the evening of November 1, 1904. W. Bro. Armstrong and officers exemplified the third degree in a splendid manner. The W. M. emphasizes the work about the best of any Master in the district. The books are well looked after by Bro. H. C. Simpson. The lodge is not making any great spurts in regard to growth, but the material is good and the prospects for the future excellent.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Lawrence Station: On the evening of November 25, accompanied by fifteen brethren from this city, I paid my visit to this lodge. W. Bro. A. McDougall exemplified the third degree very nicely. Bro. D. E. Campbell, although new at the office, I have no doubt will make an efficient Secretary in time. This lodge needs careful management, but the brethren who are at the head of its affairs will, I hope, see that it is brought, and kept up, to the level that it should be.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London: On December 1, 1904, it being the occasion of the election of officers, and at the request of the W. M., W. Bro. N. Stephens, I paid my official visit and found the election to be conducted in a very systematic and careful manner, and I have no doubt had there been any work to do the officers would have done themselves credit. Bro. A. Ellis makes a good Secretary. Attendance, forty.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London: On the evening of December 8, 1904, I visited this lodge, which has excellent quarters in the Knights Templar's Hall, and is the only London Lodge that does not meet in the Masonic Temple. It was the occasion of the election of officers, which passed off very harmoniously. W. Bro. G. A. Stilson, at my request, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in first-class style. A very pleasing incident occurred during the evening, when a friendship between two of the brethren which had been severed for some time was renewed in the lodge room. A number of P. D. D. G. M's were present on this occasion, also several Masters and Past Masters from St. Thomas, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont: On the evening of December 16, 1904, I visited this lodge, accompanied by several brethren from St. Thomas and London. There were fifty members and officers present. W. Bro. J. A. Meldrum and the officers of the lodge exemplified the first degree, and W. Bro. D. McPherson, I. P. M., conferred the second degree on one candidate, owing to the absence of the Master from the village. Bro. W. McMillan has acted as Secretary for a number of years, and his books are in good condition and the lodge is generally prosperous.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton: On the evening of December 19, 1904, accompanied by W. Bro. J. A. Tancock, Bro. Hunter and Rev. Bro. Tancock, I paid my official visit to this lodge. There being no work on, I asked W. Bro. W. N. Robson to open and close the lodge in three degrees, which he did. This is a weak lodge and I suggested to them, as I have done in previous cases with other lodges which I found a little weak, that an exchange of visits with one of the nearby lodges would be most beneficial to them. There don't seem to be much of a territory, however, for them to draw to, but R. W. Bro. Captain T. Robson still sticks to the ship, and I have no doubt, with the assistance of the other enthusiastic members, that this lodge can still be brought to a proper place among its sister lodges.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford: W. Bro. A. Morrison, assisted by a competent set of officers, on December 21, 1904, exemplified the third degree in a splendid manner. This lodge is blessed with a number

of zealous Past Masters who aim toward perfection. W. Bros. Tancock, Hunter and Evans from London, and a number of other visitors were present, making the total attendance of twenty-five. They own very comfortable quarters and everything is prosperous.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Rorchester Station: I am pleased to say this lodge has taken on a new lease of life. There was a splendid turnout of members and officers on the evening of my visit, December 22, 1904. W. Bro. N. Ferguson conferred the first degree in a splendid manner. I felt my visit was simply one of inspection and not one of instruction, as they seemed to have the work well in hand. Bro. J. A. Morris, Secretary, seems to give careful attention to the records of the lodge.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown: Together with seventeen brethren from the city of London, I drove to this lodge on the evening of January 17, 1905. There being no work, W. Bro. D. Fraser and officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a manner that showed they were conversant with every detail of the work. The books, I regret to say, are not as satisfactory as I would like to see them, although I have no doubt that Bro. A. W. Barrows, Secretary, will have matters soon in good working order again. There has been a dearth of candidates in this vicinity, and it is hard to keep up the enthusiasm where work is not plentiful.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer: Visited this lodge on the evening of January 18, 1905, accompanied by a number of brethren from St. Thomas, there being sixty members and officers present. W. Bro. Jas. Dalton, assisted by W. Bro. Wood, worked the first degree in a most correct and impressive manner. This is one of the best working lodges in the district, the members are Masons at heart, and have beautifully fitted up quarters. W. Bro. C. T. Burdick is an energetic and useful Secretary. The remembrance of a visit to this lodge is like the recollection of the scent of a sweet perfume.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Having made arrangements with the members of the London lodges, and at the request of the Grand Lodge, I decided to hold a Lodge of Instruction on January 30, 1905, which was carried out successfully, and with. I hope, good results, and while I felt that the work in this

district is done in a fairly uniform manner. I believe these Lodges of Instruction bring the Masons of the district together and cannot help but be a benefit to the Order and to the individual lodges. The program for the day was as follows: At 2 p. m. St. John's Lodge, No. 20, opened in the first degree, the Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, exemplified the first half of the first degree, and Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, the latter half. St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, opened and conferred the second degree; St. George's Lodge, No. 42, closed in the second and first degrees, which were exemplified in the afternoon with an attendance of eighty. In the evening Union Lodge, No. 380, opened in the three degrees and worked half of the third degree. Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, finished the work, and King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, closed. Many questions were discussed and the work criticised and commented on. Attendance 200. The whole work of the day was done in a creditable manner, and I have to thank the London brethren for their assistance in bringing this affair to such a successful issue, also for their entertainment and care of the visitors while in the city. The following Masters were in charge of the work: W. Bro. W. A. Tanner, St. George Lodge, No. 42; W. Bro. John Tambling, St. John's Lodge, No. 20; W. Bro. P. S. Minshall, St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44; W. Bro. W. W. Gam-mage, Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64; W. Bro. J. Mathinson, The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195; W. Bro. W. H. Line, St. John's Lodge, No. 209a; W. Bro. E. Hayden, Corinthian Lodge, No. 330; W. Bro. E. Finnigan, King Solomon Lodge, No. 378; W. Bro. B. Noble, Union Lodge, No. 380.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London: I visited this lodge on the evening of February 13, 1905, accompanied by W. Bro. Dr. A. Leitch and R. W. Bro. S. W. Trusler, D. D. G. M. of St. Clair District No. 2. W. Bro. B. Noble and officers conferred the first degree in a satisfactory manner. Books are well kept by Bro. Joseph Ward, Secretary. Condition of lodge strong, and is very liberal in giving to charity.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London: W. Bro. J. T. Tambling, W. M.; Colonel M. D. Dawson, Secretary. I spent a pleasant evening with the brethren of this lodge on February 14, 1905. The first degree was exemplified.

This is one of the lodges that is permitted to do the Irish work, and as far as I could judge, it was accurately done. Certainly the degree was a most impressive one. Books well looked after by the old reliable, Colonel Dawson. This is the oldest lodge in the district, and is given precedence in all lodge matters in London with the lodges which meet in the beautiful blue room of the temple.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth: This lodge has seventy members and owns its own lodge room. On the evening of February 15, 1905, although the night was extremely cold, accompanied by Bros. Tancock and Armstrong and several others, I visited this lodge and spent a most enjoyable evening. W. Bro. Jas. McGregor opened the lodge and turned the work of the third degree over to W. Bro. A. Jones who, assisted by the officers of the lodge, exemplified it in a very satisfactory way. The W. M. is somewhat at a disadvantage on account of residing in London at the present time, and I regret has never given the work. The lodge is prosperous and is blessed by several active P. M.'s, and I have no fear for its future welfare. Bro. H. Poole makes a capable Secretary.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas: I visited this lodge on February 16, 1905. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a very large attendance of members and officers present. W. Bro. Dr. W. A. Burns, assisted by P. M. R. H. McConnell and efficient staff of officers, exemplified the third degree in a most satisfactory manner. Books are neatly kept by Bro. F. S. Lewis. Prospects never brighter. My one regret is, with this and some of the other lodges, that the outstanding dues are too great. I have tried to impress on the lodges throughout the district to use more care in this regard. I visit this lodge nearly every meeting night and note a very marked improvement in the work during the past decade.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London: On the evening of March 6th, 1905, in company with W. Bros. Dr. Leitch and M. G. Hay, I paid an official visit to this lodge, on which occasion the first degree was exemplified in a correct manner, although perhaps not up to as high a standard as this lodge has been credited with in the past. W. Bro. Jas. Mathinson, W. M., and Bro. E. Maingault, Secretary. Books beautifully kept and lodge prosperous.

This lodge boasts some excellent material in its junior as well as higher officers.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London: Visited this lodge on the evening of the 17th of Ireland. W. Bro. W. W. Gammage and officers conferred the third degree on two candidates in a very fine manner. The books of the lodge are neatly and accurately kept by Bro. John Overell, Secretary. This is a strong lodge.

Moffatt Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville: Paid my official visit to this lodge on the evening of March 15, 1905. There was a good turnout of members and officers present, and after W. Bro. Campbell, acting for the W. M., W. Bro. W. J. Coates, who was unavoidably absent, had exemplified the first degree, a very pleasant evening was spent among the brethren. W. Bro. Geo. Stewart, Master of Springfield Lodge, and a number of brethren from around the surrounding district were present. This lodge is in a good condition financially, and books are in fair condition. D. D. York, Secretary. Membership small.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley: The brethren of this lodge have always accorded their visitors a very hearty welcome, and on the occasion of my visit 11th of April, when W. Bro. Taylor and his officers worked the first degree in a manner that reflected credit on the lodge, proved no exception to the rule. A number of prominent members from St. Thomas accompanied me on this occasion. I find the lodge to be in a highly prosperous condition and the books in the hands of a competent Secretary, Bro. Farr.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo: Accompanied by W. Bro. Tancock and several London brethren, I visited this Lodge on the evening of April 13, 1905. Joshua Irving, W. M., opened the lodge and received me with the usual grand honors. There being no degree work, and the W. M. not feeling well, P. M. Bro. Ferguson opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees correctly. In common with many of the lodges, I regret to say there is too much outstanding dues on their books, although the Secretary, Bro. P. L. Graham, does what he can to reduce them to a minimum. This is one of the weaker lodges, and the W. M. seems to lack confidence in the work. The brethren were not backward in asking questions on the work, which shows a keen interest.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London: Visited this lodge on the evening of the 14th of April, accompanied by 138 members from St. Thomas and vicinity, which, together with the London brethren, in all to the number of 250 members, crowded the lodge room to its utmost capacity. W. Bro. Line and a splendid staff of officers exemplified the third degree in the Irish work in a most beautiful and impressive manner. This is the strongest lodge in the district, having 274 members. The attendance is good and much interest is maintained in the work. The old "war horse," R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, is Secretary, and keeps things humming.

Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale: In company with Bro. Glass, of London, I visited this lodge on the evening of April 18, 1905. Thirty members, including R. W. Bro. R. Guest and W. Bro. J. Guest, were present. W. Bro. Dr. Hughes and officers worked the third degree in a very satisfactory manner. This is a good working lodge, and there was a large attendance on this occasion. Bro. M. N. Wright looks well to the interest of the members as secretary, and has their dues reduced to a minimum.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston: R. W. Bros. R. and J. Guest, with whom I had spent the day, very kindly drove me to this lodge on the evening of April 19, 1905. The W. M., W. Bro. E. M. Roberts, assisted by a staff of officers, largely composed of his own brothers, conferred the second degree in a very complete way. The books are in fair condition. Secretary, Bro. Alex. Grant.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware: Accompanied by four St. Thomas brethren and a number of brethren from London, I paid my official visit to this lodge on the evening of May 12, 1905. A splendid turnout of members and officers present. W. Bro. R. McFee and his officers worked the third degree in a very fair manner. This is not a strong lodge, but it has several good workers. Bro. Harker, Secretary, is new at the business, but will make a careful Secretary.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal: My last visit was paid to this lodge on the evening of May 16, 1905. W. M., W. Bro. Taylor was absent from the village on that occasion. P. M. W. Bro. L. J. Else occupied the chair, and with the officers of the lodge exemplified the second

degree in a very intelligent manner. There was a large turnout of members and visitors; over twenty-five accompanied me from St. Thomas. Books are in good shape and lodge prospering generally. Bro. D. Cameron makes a competent Secretary.

It was also my pleasure to be present at the reception tendered the M. W. Grand Master by the London brethren on April 5th, 1905, which was brought to a very successful issue. A beautifully engrossed address was presented to the Grand Master, and the evening spent in social enjoyment by the members and their families, W. Bro. Methereil making a splendid director of ceremonies.

In summing up I find the lodges well quartered and an enthusiasm among them that spells success. There are, however, two of the rural lodges a little weak, and an extra effort will have to be made to put new life into them. I strongly recommended an exchange of visits with nearby sister lodges as a help, and presume this will be followed out, and if so no doubt will give good results.

During my term of office I have called the attention of a number of the lodges to several matters which I found disregarded and which for the sake of correctness and uniformity should be lived up to more strictly. I am glad to say good is resulting from this. I will place my successor in office in touch with these matters that he may follow them up so as to insure their permanency.

Everywhere I have been treated like a king, each lodge seeming to vie with each other in providing banquets and a good time generally, and in laying down the gavel of office I do so with a sigh of relief but with regret that I have not been able to spend more time among, and for the good of my brethren, for

The thread of this life would be dark, Heaven knows,

If it were not with friendship and love intertwined,

And I care not how soon I may sink to repose

When their friendships shall cease to be dear to my mind.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROE, D. D. G. M.,

London District No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'd.			Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.			
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.					M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.										Total.		
20	St. John's.	London	192	11	9	10	13	15	1	1	6	2	13	5	18	40	134	20	\$ 200	00	June 30, '05	Strong	Good	Yes	\$3000 00	
42	St. George's	London	120	5	7	7	7	7	1	1	4	4	10	2	12	35	60	20	80	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	Joint	800 00	
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	223	20	13	18	19	20	2	2	2	5	13	12	25	40	45	26	85	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	Joint	800 00	
64	Kilwinning	London	194	16	7	13	8	8	3	...	7	3	9	4	13	40	75	75	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	Joint	250 00		
94	St. Mark's.	Pt. Stanley	49	6	1	5	4	3	1	...	...	...	13	4	17	12	5	18	...	Jan. 13, '05	Good	Yes	Joint	250 00		
107	St. Paul's.	Lambeth	70	2	9	2	3	4	1	...	8	1	12	12	18	...	...	...	...	Dec. 29, '04	Good	Yes	No	1200 00		
120	Warren	Fingal	55	4	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	...	...	6	12	50	Feb. 1, '05	Good	Yes	...	1000 00	
140	Malahide.	Aylmer	105	10	9	9	8	...	1	9	1	...	13	1	14	31	25	00	16	75	July 1, '05	Good	Yes	...	1000 00	
171	P. of Wales	Lawrence Stn. ..	45	2	4	1	2	1	...	1	3	...	10	2	12	...	...	...	...	June 24, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	100 00		
190	Belmont	Belmont	46	5	4	4	3	4	1	2	1	...	12	2	14	16	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	800 00		
195	The Tussock	London	77	2	1	2	3	1	...	1	...	...	10	...	...	20	60	20	179	50	Dec. 31, '04	Good	Yes	Joint	800 00	
209a	St. John's	London	274	11	25	22	17	4	1	3	6	2	11	10	21	45	122	75	54	289	50	June 30, '04	Excellent	Yes	Joint	200 00
232	Cameron	Dutton	62	2	4	4	2	1	...	3	...	...	11	2	13	16	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	200 00		
289	Doric	Lobo	43	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	10	...	...	19	124	00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	No	500 00	
300	Mt. Olivet.	Thorndale	39	8	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	4	16	18	...	...	2	18	00	June 24, '04	V Good	Yes	...	600 00
302	St. David's.	St. Thomas	194	15	11	16	9	11	...	6	...	...	15	5	20	36	...	...	71	244	25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	...	600 00
330	Corinthian	London	126	...	11	13	10	...	1	...	7	...	13	...	...	35	55	00	23	75	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	Joint	300 00
344	Merrill	Dorchester Stn ..	37	7	6	6	5	1	...	3	...	...	11	1	16	19	...	...	...	32	25	July 5, '05	Good	Yes	...	300 00
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	28	6	4	4	1	1	1	1	...	...	12	1	13	17	...	...	2	14	00	Jan. 19, '05	Good	Yes	...	300 00
358	Del. Valley	Delaware	35	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	10	11	13	15	00	15	94	25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	...	800 00
378	King Sol'm	London	109	16	1	16	16	16	...	...	...	...	12	3	15	35	15	00	14	48	00	July, 1904	Good	Yes	...	300 90
379	Middlesex.	Bryanston	34	2	1	2	3	...	...	1	...	...	12	12	13	...	...	8	30	00	April, 1905	Good	Yes	...	250 00	
380	Union	London	174	12	12	13	12	1	2	2	...	...	12	2	14	29	147	83	42	185	25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	Joint	200 00
388	Henderson	Iderton	36	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	12	50	00	June, 1904	Fair	No	...	200 00
394	King Sol'm	Thamesford	68	4	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	...	12	2	14	18	...	...	12	65	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	...	1500 00
399	Moffatt	Harrisville	23	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	8	11	...	...	2	12	97	Jan. 1, '05	Fair	No	None	...

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

The following report in connection with Freemasonry in the South Huron District No. 4 is the result of careful study on my part during the past year. Every lodge has been officially visited, and I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the dignity and high importance of the Order, and have strongly urged them to study the principles and the symbolism of the work.

In the first place I thank those who elected me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. Every lodge received me most loyally, and the work has been of the most pleasant kind.

Shortly after my election I appointed a committee, consisting of one member from each lodge, to look after the interests of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, but their success has not been very marked.

On December 23, 1904, I was present at a meeting of Stratford Lodge, No. 332, when W. Bro Rev. Williams was presented with a life membership on his election to the position of Bishop of Huron. V. W. Bro. N. R. Miller, Grand Supt. of Works, and M. W. Bro. Ben Allen were present and gave excellent addresses.

On December 27, 1904, I installed the officers of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, and on June 27, 1905, those of Stratford Lodge, No. 332.

Dispensations to attend divine service were granted to Doric Lodge, No. 233; Elma Lodge, No. 456, and Irving Lodge, No. 154.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Bros. R. B. Puddicombe, of New Dominion Lodge, No. 205; Thos. Dowson, of Clinton Lodge, No. 84; Joseph Rankin, Jas. Foot and John G. McIntyre, of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144; A. Bennet and C. K. Vanbuskirk, of Stratford Lodge, No. 332.

The By-laws of Maitland Lodge, No. 33, were amended, and the amendments approved by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

I received a petition from a number of brethren living in the village of Dungannon requesting that a new lodge be established there. After due consideration the request was refused by the Grand Master.

Speaking generally, the work of the lodges was good, the true spirit of Masonry showed itself in many ways, and I hope that each lodge will continue to prosper and that the members will at all times practice out of the lodge those excellent precepts which are ever inculcated in it.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Chris McLellan, I visited Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden, on Friday evening, February 24, and received a hearty welcome from the brethren. W. Bro. Bechtel and his officers complain of the difficulty of becoming really expert in the work on account of the few candidates they have for initiation. They opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees and exemplified the first in a very creditable manner. This lodge has done its part for the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. Past Masters Livingston, Holwell, Walker and others keep up their interest in the work and W. Bro. Butler is an excellent Secretary.

On March 3 I visited Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich. The officers worked the first degree exceedingly well. W. Bro. Galt has a good voice and spoke distinctly, the Junior Warden's lecture was well given, while the invocation of the aged chaplain, Bro. Green, was very impressive. A splendid array of Past Masters adorned the east, and Maitland Lodge has just reason to feel proud of such stalwarts as R. W. Bros. Radcliffe and Beck, and W. Bros. Green, Clarke, Bell and Humber. The books of the lodge are well kept, and the lodge room is one of the best in the district. A very enjoyable banquet followed.

The brethren of St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's, received me very heartily on March 6. W. Bro. Jackson is enthusiastic in his work and is supported by young and loyal officers. The work of opening and closing in the several degrees, and the exemplification of the first was of such a character that there was very little to criti-

cize. Every officer did well. As the majority of those present were young men, I urged all to study the symbolism of Masonry and to bear in mind how much our lives out of the lodge ought to exemplify the lessons we receive. At the banquet provided by W. Bro. Constable we had a delightful time, a special feature being the music of the Masonic quartette.

On March 13 I visited Stratford Lodge, No. 332, and was greeted most enthusiastically by a large number of the brethren. W. Bro. Burritt and his able staff of officers initiated a candidate into the mysteries of Freemasonry. As there was very little to criticize I complimented the officers on their work, pointing out, as far as I could, the excellent work of each, and then addressed those present on the duties of Masons and the meaning of our beautiful ceremonies. Among those present were R. W. Bro. Cassels and W. Bros. Mayberry and Campbell. An excellent banquet followed at which some capital speeches were made. Stratford Lodge has contributed generously to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

March 14 I visited Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell. Bro. F. Heal was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by W. Bro. Thos. Henry and his officers. The work was fairly well done. The lodge room has been repaired and is a neat pleasant place. Among those present were R. W. Bros. Elliot and White, who are enthusiastic Masons. Bro. Coppin proved himself an excellent host at the banquet which followed. The benevolent fund is not forgotten.

On March 31 there was a splendid meeting in Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill. The Lodge room is very pretty, pictures, tracing boards, etc., being well arranged. The brethren generously paid the expenses of the D.D.G. M. and received him most cordially. W. Bro. Russell and his officers worked the third degree and did it well. The Past Masters encourage the officers by their regular attendance. R. W. Bro. Dawson and a number of the Lucan brethren were present. The exemplification of the fourth degree was excellent. Good speeches and music were in evidence. One of the younger brethren proved himself a Master Mason with credit to himself.

I visited Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth, on the 3rd of April. The attendance was fairly good, but on

account of rain the brethren from the country did not get in. W. Bro. Cooper and his officers exemplified the third degree. Each was nearly verbally accurate in his work, and the Deacons were good. The books of the lodge are well kept, the room is an exceedingly good one, and the brethren are enthusiastic. R. W. Bro. Reid rarely misses a meeting, and the Past Masters attend regularly. W. Bros. White, of Georgina Lodge, Toronto, and Stevenson, of Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, were present.

April 7 I visited New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg. W. Bro. Kerr and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees and then gave the work of the first. These officers know their work fairly well, but do not have a sufficient number of candidates to keep them at drill. The officers are young, have good voices, and ought to do well. The Junior Warden, Bro. Holley, Jr., gave the lecture impressively. W. Bro. Holley, Sr., is still very enthusiastic in the work.

W. Bros. Campbell and Burritt accompanied me to Lucan on April 13 on my official visit to Irving Lodge, No. 154. The brethren are always kind to the visiting D. D. G. M. Wor. (Rev.) Bro. Thomas and his enthusiastic officers were delighted with the large attendance, and conferred the third degree on Bro. (Rev.) Gilmore, who was an excellent candidate. With a few substitutes the work was good. The members of Irving Lodge are to be congratulated on their new and commodious lodge room, new furniture, and tastefully arranged pictures. On behalf of the brethren I had the pleasure of presenting W. Bros. Fox and Orme with Past Master's jewels. The east was well filled with P. M's. There is no danger to be feared when a lodge is counselled by such stalwarts in Masonry as W. Bros. Fox, Mundy, Hodgins and Orme. The banquet which closed the work of the evening was one that I shall not soon forget, being excellent in every particular.

On April 20 a large number of the brethren from Maitland Lodge went with me to visit Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Smith's Hill, where W. Bro. Tigert and the officers exemplified the second degree. The work was fairly well done, the junior officers doing the better work. Morning Star is famous for its entertainments, and the banquet to which I was treated was no exception. Ex-

cellent addresses were made, and it is exceedingly gratifying to note the brotherly feeling that exists between the lodges of Goderich and Morning Star. I have to thank the brethren of Maitland Lodge for their extreme kindness to me.

In Clinton on April 21 W. Bro. Spalding and his officers initiated a candidate into the mysteries of our Order in a fairly creditable manner. The brethren of Clinton Lodge, No. 84, are noted for their hospitality, and I was the recipient of great kindness at their hands. This lodge has a number of Past Masters who are deeply interested in the affairs of the lodge, among whom are R. W. Bro. Shaw, Bros. Holloway, Johnson, Paisley, Hunter, Hoover, Fair, McLean and Evans.

Visited Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall, on April 27, and found W. Bro. Sellery ready with the second degree. The work was very well done, all the officers doing their work impressively. The lecture on the tracing board by Bro. McKay was exceptionally good. Many Past Masters were present, brethren having driven over from Clinton and Seaforth. Among those present were R. W. Bros. Reid and McKay, W. Bros. Cooper, Cooke, Buchanan, Davis, McEwan, Ellis, Dr. Campbell and Scrutum, who made excellent speeches at the banquet which followed the work of the lodge.

On April 28 I visited Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter, and was simply delighted with my visit. Brethren from neighboring lodges were present, and a fine spirit manifested itself in the evening's work. The second degree was exemplified in a masterly manner; every officer did his work well. The lecture on the tracing board by the Senior Warden was well given, and I was so pleased with the Junior Warden's work that I asked him to give the lecture on the tracing board in the first degree, which he did to my entire satisfaction. The east was filled with enthusiastic Past Masters, all anxious to advance the interests of Freemasonry in the true sense, and the outlook is exceedingly bright for Lebanon Forest Lodge. The banquet was very pleasant, excellent addresses being given by W. Bros. Dickson, Davis, Amos, V. W. Bro. Stewart and many others. W. Bro. Hueston is justly proud of being the chief officer of this lodge.

R. W. Bro. Elliot, V. W. Bro. Shafer and seven others from Tudor Lodge went with me to Monkton on May 12,

when I paid my official visit to Elma Lodge, No. 456. This is our youngest lodge, but the surroundings are excellent and its prospects bright. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and the first was exemplified by W. Bro. Terry and his officers. Their work was fairly well done, but they will do better as they are anxious to excel. R. W. Bro. Elliot, of Tudor Lodge, has been a great help to Elma Lodge, and good counsel is always given by W. Bros. Chalmers and Merryfield. Several good addresses were given by members present. Elma Lodge has done well for the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. To the brethren of Tudor Lodge my thanks are due for their kindness on this occasion.

I was disappointed on May 23 with the attendance at Blyth Lodge, No. 303. The officers of every lodge should be encouraged by the brethren. The second degree was exemplified. W. Bro. Watson did well, but the Wardens were not prepared with the lectures. These officers live in the country, and it is not easy for them to get together for drill. R. W. Bro. Reid and W. Bro. Cooper, of Seaforth, and W. Bro. Spotton, of Listowel, were present. I would like to see a little more enthusiasm among the brethren of Blyth Lodge.

My last official visit was paid to my mother lodge, Tecumseh, No. 144, Stratford, where brethren representing 23 lodges greeted me on Friday evening, May 26. W. Bro. Campbell and his excellent staff of officers conferred the third degree on an exceedingly well prepared candidate, to the surprise of many and to the delight of all. A pleasing feature was the examination of two of the younger brethren in the work of a Master Mason. They answered all the questions and gave the obligation and the working tools. Tecumseh Lodge is noted for the interest which its Past Masters take in its affairs, and to R. W. Bros. Reid and Elliot was given the pleasant task of presenting eleven of the P. M.'s with the jewel of a Past Master. At this meeting there were about 30 Masters and Past Masters present, as well as five P. D. D. G. M.'s. At the request of the brethren I gave an address on the symbolism of the third degree, and was most cordially thanked by those present. The banquet was a brilliant affair. Good music had been provided, and the speeches of R. W. Bros. Elliot, Reid, Mooney, W. Bros. Burritt, Cooper, Mayberry and Orme, with those of Bros.

Wren and Abrey were of more than ordinary merit. All were on a high plane and had the true Masonic spirit.

In conclusion I must congratulate the brethren of this district on the harmony that exists in the different lodges, on the elevated tone that prevailed at the banquets, and on the anxiety of the brethren for instruction in the symbolic character of Masonry. My aim has been to improve the condition of our noble Order, and if I have been the means of stimulating the brethren to greater interest in the work, and of showing to the world that they are trying to be ideal Masons, my work has not been in vain.

GEORGE MALCOLM, D. D. G. M.,
South Huron District No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in South Huron District, No. 4, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		F. A.	V. C.	W. M.	Total No. of all Mem.		Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Mem- bership.	conf'd				Regular.	Emergency.								Total.											
33	Maitland	Goderich.	119	6 13	6	2	5	1	...	5	4	...	4	12	7 19	28	\$70 00	4	\$13 75	June, 1904	Good	Excellent	Yes	\$1000 00				
75	St. James'	St. Mary's	81	4	5	4	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	4 17	18	20 50	23	63 00	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
84	Clinton.	Clinton.	68	3	3	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	11	4 16	30	30 00	9	22 00	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
133	Leb. Forest	Exeter	83	3	3	4	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	11 3	22	5 00	8	50 75	Jan. 20, '05	Good	Bright	Yes	450 00
141	Tudor	Mitchell	63	3	4	4	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	11 1	15	5 00	8	25 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	300 00
144	Tecumseh.	Stratford	145	8	13	10	10	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	13 8	21	19 25	48	29 85	Jan. 20, '05	Good	Excellent	Yes	750 00
154	Irving	Lucan	73	4	4	3	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	3	11 2	16	10 00	8	30 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
170	Britannia.	Seaforth	91	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	3 16	11	...	3	13 00	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
205	New Don'n	New Hamburg	40	2	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	11	4 5	19	20 00	7	40 00	Jan. 20, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
224	Zurich	Hensall	74	6	8	8	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	14	5 14	15	...	10	63 00	June 24, '04	Fair	V. y Good	Yes	None
233	Doric	Parkhill.	55	5	3	4	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	10 10	15	...	...	...	June, 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
303	Blyth.	Blyth.	55	2	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	3 14	26	60 00	10	66 50	Dec., 1903	V. y Good	V. y Bright	Yes	400 00
309	Morn'gStar	Smith's Hill	53	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	12 8	10	10 00	15	20 00	June, 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	1000 00
318	Wilnot.	Baden	27	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	12 8	20	75 00	...	...	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
332	Stratford.	Stratford	178	12	10	12	10	7	...	...	...	...	...	6	13 21	16	5 00	...	20 00	Dec. 24, '04	Good	Good	No	150 00
456	Elma	Monkton	32	2	1	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 21	16	5 00	...	...	Dec. 24, '04	Good	Good	No	150 00

NORTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting my report of the condition of Masonry in North Huron District No. 5 I desire in the first place to express my sincere thanks to my brethren for electing me to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master. I have visited every lodge in the district, and desire to acknowledge the uniform kindness and hospitality extended to me by all the officers and members during my term of office. I am pleased to be able to report that the condition of Masonry in this district is exceedingly prosperous. Early in the year I appointed a District Committee to look after the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. This committee consisted of one brother from each of the lodges in the district, and I got some very encouraging reports from some of the members of the committee, but I am sorry to say that the subscriptions have not come up to my expectations, although some of the lodges have contributed the full amount asked of them.

In my official visits I repeatedly urged upon the Masters, officers and members the aims and objects of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. My efforts, I believe, will be well rewarded, and I do not think that North Huron District No. 5 will be outdone by any district under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I received but very few reports of deaths of members of the Craft. The first report was from Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton, informing me of the death of Bro. H. B. McKay. Northern Light Lodge No. 93 lost one of its oldest Past Masters in the person of W. Bro. Jas. McK. Stewart, at whose funeral I assisted the Worshipful Master. Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton, mourns the loss of a faithful brother in the person of William Mathewson, at whose funeral I was present. Other

deaths have occurred in the district, but the secretaries have neglected to send me notice.

During the year I attended the laying of two corner stones in this district. In the 29th July, 1904, the M. W. the Grand Master called a Grand Lodge meeting for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church at the village of Hanover, at which meeting I attended. Through the Secretary of Old Light Lodge, Lucknow, the trustees of the Episcopal Church, Kinlough, invited the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of their new church. I endorsed the request and forwarded it to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Master granted the appeal and appointed the 18th of August, 1904, as the date for the ceremony. The Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray to act as Grand Master. There was a good attendance of the brethren from the surrounding lodges, who assisted in this very successful ceremony.

I am pleased to report that in nearly all the lodges the Past Masters take an active part in the work. In some of the lodges that I visited there has been as many as nine and ten Past Masters present. I noticed that in a few of the lodges that the charges in the Constitution are still read to the candidates, and I asked the W. Masters of such lodges if they were unable to get the charges up themselves to get some of the Past Masters to render the work.

The class of candidates that I have seen initiated, passed and raised in the different lodges are of the best material, and will be a credit to the lodges that had the honor of adding them to their ranks. The opening in some of the lodges was delayed rather late, half an hour or more. I would impress upon the officers promptness in opening, and I think that officers having accepted the position to which they were elected or appointed should feel it a duty that they owe the lodge to be prompt and regular in attendance at all lodge meetings. I was delighted with the thorough manner in which candidates were posted in the inferior degrees before being advanced. I advised an interchange of visits between the different lodges, which I think would be beneficial, and I am pleased to state that in some instances such is being done. I am pleased with the prompt manner in which the lodges responded to my appeal for funds to buy the

regalia for the incoming D. D. G. M., which funds I remitted to the secretary of the Regalia Committee. I must thank the committee for their promptness in procuring the regalia, as they informed me that they have it now in their possession. This regalia will be presented to the newly elected D. D. G. M. on his installation at our next annual district meeting.

The membership of this district is increasing rapidly, but very few unworthy candidates are admitted, as the applications are submitted to committees that make a thorough examination into the character and standing before reporting favorably.

Before concluding I wish to again thank the brethren throughout the district for the many acts of kindness I have received on my official visits.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: This being my mother lodge I have attended all the meetings held during the year, but owing to the serious illness of the Worshipful Master during the last few months, when I intended visiting, I did not visit it officially as he had asked me to assist in the work, and being Immediate Past Master it was my duty to conform to his wishes. I am pleased to state that the W. M. has recovered, and from this out will be able to fill the honorable position which he has so creditably filled in the past to the satisfaction of all the brethren. The Worshipful Master and officers of this lodge have kept the work up to the high standard which it has held in the past, and I can safely say that the work is not surpassed by any lodge in the district. Northern Light was one of the first lodges to contribute the full amount asked of them the first year towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund and have contributed their second instalment and will be ready to forward the third and last as soon as it is due. This lodge is well known for its many kind acts of charity. At the annual election of officers it has been the custom to entertain the M. W. the Grand Master, and at the last December meeting I had the pleasure of assisting the W. M., officers and brethren in entertaining M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, who was accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bro. McWhinney, of London. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are kept respectively by Bro. R. D. Hall and V. W. Bro. E. Fox, and are a credit to the officials who have charge of them. It is always a pleasure

for the brethren of Northern Light to entertain visitors and the social part of Masonry is not neglected, and many enjoyable and profitable evenings are spent around the festive board. I have to thank the W. M., W. Bro. W. J. Bruce, V. W. Bro. E. Miller, officers, officers and members of this lodge for accompanying me on several visits to the neighboring lodges.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: On the evening of November 22, 1904, I made my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by V. W. Bro. E. Miller. There was a fairly good attendance of members. This being a lake port, a great many members of the lodge are sailors, and I was informed that the attendance in the winter time was much greater than at this season of the year. This was the night for the election of officers. The election was conducted with the greatest harmony prevailing, and I believe that St. Lawrence Lodge will have a painstaking and energetic staff of officers for the ensuing year. The second degree was exemplified for my inspection by the W. M., W. Bro. D. Ross, in a very satisfactory manner, assisted by a good staff of officers. The S. W.'s lecture on the tracing board was well rendered by Bro. K. Montgomery. The Secretary's books are well kept and the dues are promptly paid. This lodge has received some benefits for a worthy brother from the grants from Grand Lodge for charitable purposes, and intend contributing their share towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The fourth degree was worked in the basement, where the brethren have all the conveniences for putting it on in first-class style. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, which proved not the least interesting of a very pleasant evening.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: I spent a most enjoyable evening on my visit to Forest Lodge, No. 162, on Monday, December 19, 1904. There was a good attendance of members, and I was very kindly received by W. Bro. Geo. Allan, W. M., and his officers. They conferred the second degree to my entire satisfaction. The Senior Warden, Bro. R. H. Harris, performed his duties satisfactorily. He gave the lecture on the tracing board in a very effectual manner. The Deacons and Stewards are efficient officers, and I was more than pleased with their word. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Thos. Brown, P. M., who did his work

exceedingly well. He has a fine delivery and makes a good impression on a candidate. I had the pleasure of assisting W. Bro. Brown in conferring this degree. I was pleased to have with me on this occasion R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutcheson, of Wordwich Lodge, P. D. D. G. M. The Secretary's books are well kept and neat and clean. After the lodge was closed an adjournment was made to the Gofton House, where the brethren were well entertained, and thus ended another of the happy evenings of my official work in this district.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow: Was visited on the 16th March, 1905. W. Bro. D. Lawrence, W. M. of the Lodge, with his efficient staff of officers, and assisted by W. Bro. J. Lyons, conferred three initiations in a very commendable manner. The W. M. and his officers are thoroughly up in their work. The lecture in the first degree was delivered by W. Bro. Davidson, and was very well rendered. The lodge is in a flourishing condition. The building is owned by the lodge and the lodge rooms are well furnished and comfortable. The dues are well paid up and the books are neatly kept. This lodge has had a large increase in membership for the year.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: On Tuesday the 8th November, 1904, I made my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. W. J. Bruce, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93; W. Bro. J. G. Walker, Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton, and Bro. Wm. Mitchell, of Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville. There was a good attendance of members and a great many visiting brethren present. The first degree was conferred on Mr. George W. Spence by the W. M., W. Bro. Grainger. The degree was very well worked by all the officers. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. McArthur and McBurney were examined as to their proficiency, and were found well skilled and were directed to retire. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, R. W. Bro. J. H. Scott, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, and who is now a resident of Walkerton, occupying the east. He was assisted by R. W. Bro. Harris in conferring the third degree on Bros. McArthur and McBurney, which was done in a manner deserving of great praise. I was pleased to see so many Past Masters present, there being nine, all members of Saugeen Lodge. The books of this lodge are well kept. At the close the

brethren repaired to the Central Hotel, where an excellent supper was prepared and a pleasant hour spent in speeches and song.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: Bernard Lodge was visited March 17, 1905. I was very cordially received and welcomed by the officers and members, amongst whom were R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell, W. Bros. W. H. Irving, J. J. Foster and B. F. Brook. The second degree was conferred on Bro. T. W. Jackson by W. Bro. W. H. Irving and his officers in a perfect manner. The books of this lodge are kept in splendid order by the Secretary, W. Bro. J. J. Foster. Some of the brethren have got rather far in arrears, but I think in the near future they will be all squared up. The lodge room and property are well looked after, and the future outlook of this lodge is of the very best. By request of the W. M. and officers, I had the honor on behalf of the lodge to present to R. W. Bro. Campbell, a beautifully engrossed life membership certificate in recognition of his long and faithful service to this lodge. I also had the pleasure to present to W. Bros. B. F. Brooks, J. J. Foster, H. B. Morphy and F. Rogers, four Past Masters' jewels. These brethren have been excellent workers, and their services have been highly appreciated by their brethren and especially deserving of notice and commendation. At the close of the meeting a very pleasant and sociable time was spent at luncheon.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: I visited this lodge on October 1, 1904. The lodge was opened in the three degrees by W. Bro. H. B. Putnam, W. M. I was introduced by W. Bro. P. McLaren, P. M., and was duly received with grand honors. The first degree was conferred on Mr. David McBeath in a first-class manner. The W. M. was assisted by W. Bro. W. R. Barnett, P. M., and I must congratulate the W. Bro. for the impressive manner in which he delivered his part of the work. The Junior Warden gave the lecture on the tracing board in a way that showed he had taken great care in preparing it. The charge was delivered to the candidate by W. Bro. Putnam, and I must compliment him highly on his proficiency. This lodge, which was at a standstill for a number of years, has had a revival, and initiated 15 new members last year. They have also moved into a new lodge room, and have it all newly furnished. They have

a bright future before them. The average attendance is very good, and the P. M's take quite an interest in the work. The P. M's present on this occasion were W. Bros. P. McLaren, W. R. Barnett, S. M. Hutcheson, F. E. Shepherd and C. Morrison. The officers being newly installed were naturally a little nervous, but with practice they will soon be one of the banner lodges of the district. The door could have been better tyled, but I think this will be remedied in future. The Secretary and Treasurer are newly installed officers and seem to understand their duties. The brethren had not taken any interest in the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, but after explaining the matter to them they thought it a good idea, and I am sure an effort will be made to collect an amount that the members of Aldworth Lodge will be proud of. I was pleased to again have the company of V. W. Bro. E. Miller, W. Bro. W. J. Bruce and Bro. W. Hay, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine. At the close of the meeting an adjournment was made to the Hannah House, where an excellent supper was prepared and a very pleasant evening spent.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: My visit here was made on Friday evening, November 25, 1904. I again had the pleasure of V. W. Bro. E. Miller's company on this trip. As he is considered one of the best posted Masons in the district, it was always a pleasure to have him accompany me. I found that although Teeswater Lodge is the smallest lodge in the district as regards numbers, that they can do the work as well as I have seen it done in some of the larger lodges. The work of the evening was a second degree, which was conferred on the candidate, Bro. Thos. Copland, by W. Bro. S. R. Brill, the W. M., and was well done. The lodge was opened and closed at my request in the three degrees in a satisfactory manner. The Secretary, Bro. John Farquharson, keeps his books in splendid condition. The W. Master informed me that every brother living within the jurisdiction of Teeswater Lodge has subscribed the sum of \$1.00 for three years, to be applied to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. A number of the brethren from Old Light Lodge, Lucknow, paid a fraternal visit. At the close of the meeting the brethren were entertained at the King Edward Hotel, where a most enjoyable hour was spent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 184, Brussels: My official visit to this lodge was very pleasant. I was introduced by W. Bro. J. H. Cameron and well received. The work in the second degree was well done by W. Bro. M. Black, assisted by W. Bro. S. Wilton. The lecture on the tracing board was given by the Senior Warden in a very impressive manner, and the charge by the W. M. could not be improved on. The Senior Deacon also had his work up well. I was pleased to see such a good attendance of Past Masters, there being nine present, and they were all willing to assist in the work. The Secretary's books are neatly kept and the dues are collected promptly. After the lodge adjourned the brethren were invited to a magnificent banquet at the American Hotel, after which a few speeches brought to a close a very enjoyable and profitable evening.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: On the occasion of my visit to this lodge the attendance was not very large. The brethren have a very nice lodge room, well furnished and comfortable. The third degree was conferred on two candidates by the W. M. and his officers, assisted by R. W. Bro. Morton and W. Bro. Tamblyn, and was well exemplified. The opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees was correctly done. The Secretary's books are neatly and correctly kept and the dues well paid up. This lodge is contributing its share towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and in doing so shows that the teachings of Masonry are not forgotten by the brethren. At the close an adjournment was made to the dining hall, where a nice supper was prepared and partaken of by the brethren.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: I had a very enjoyable visit here on the evening of January 19, 1905. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, and I was very kindly received and warmly welcomed. This being the home of R. W. Bro. Hutcheson, I looked forward to seeing a good lodge and seeing the work correctly done, and I was not disappointed. The work for the evening was one initiation, one passing and one raising. The initiation was conducted by the W. M., W. Bro. W. B. Young and his officers in a very creditable manner. The Junior Warden's lecture in this degree was well given and the Junior Deacon's work correctly done. The second degree was conferred on a very in-

telligent and well prepared candidate by W. Bro. Thos. Littlejohn, in a very impressive style. The Senior Warden delivered the lecture in this degree very satisfactorily. I had the pleasure of witnessing the third degree conferred by W. Bro. Thos. Brown and officers of Wroxeter, who drove over accompanied by several more brethren of Forest Lodge. The work in this degree was exceedingly well done. The Secretary's books are kept by R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutcheson, and are neatly and correctly done, and the dues are well paid up. Fordwich Lodge shows the good effect of frequent interchange of visits by the brethren of neighboring lodges.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: I visited Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton, on January 17, 1905, accompanied by V. W. Bros. E. Miller, J. A. McPherson, W. Bro. W. J. Bruce and several other brethren of Northern Light Lodge, whose cheerful company was very much enjoyed, as it is a long drive and the roads were not in the best condition owing to a severe snow storm the day before, but the warm welcome we received and the loyal manner in which we were entertained amply repaid us for our drive. This will be long remembered as one of the most pleasant evenings I had the pleasure of spending in any lodge room. The work was the initiation of one candidate, which was performed by W. Bro. J. G. Walker and his officers in a very satisfactory manner. I had the honor of installing the officers of this lodge for the ensuing year, assisted by V. W. Bro. E. Miller and W. Bro. W. J. Bruce, of Northern Light Lodge, whose familiarity with the work enable them to render any assistance which they may be called upon to perform. I must congratulate the lodge on the selection of their officers, and I look forward to this being one of the banner lodges in this district. The Secretary's books are neatly kept and show very few brethren in arrears. The newly installed Secretary, W. Bro. J. M. Bowie, is deserving of a great deal of credit for the splendid showing made by this lodge. This lodge own their own hall and have lately had it repaired and fitted up, making it one of the nicest lodge rooms in the district. After labor the brethren adjourned to Bro. Brick's, where an excellent supper was provided, and the fourth degree was enjoyed by all present, followed by speeches and singing, which brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: I made my visit here at the regular meeting on April 17, 1905. The W. M., W. Bro. Peter F. Monroe, exemplified the third degree in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. He was assisted by W. Bro. Jas. A. McDonald, one of the most active P. M's. There was a good attendance of members, all the officers were well up in their work. The Secretary's books were well and carefully kept, and the lodge is in a prosperous condition. This lodge has not taken an active part in contributing towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, but after explaining the matter to them I think that they will see their way clear towards doing their share. The brethren show a true Masonic spirit in acts of kindness towards members of their own lodge, and as examples of practical Masonry it does a D. D. G. M. good to hear about. This lodge, judging from the work and the enthusiasm of its members, has a bright future before it. I was pleased to meet on this occasion W. Bro. Chas. Start, whom I had known for a number of years and who helped to make my visit a pleasant one.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: I visited this lodge at the regular meeting on the evening of February 7, and was well pleased with my reception by the brethren. There was not a very large attendance, but I was pleased to see a number of Past Masters present. The second degree was exemplified by the W. Master, assisted by W. Bro. Smellie, and was very well done. The Secretary's books are neatly kept and the dues are well paid up. The lodge room is comfortably furnished and the prospects of this lodge are good. After labor an excellent supper was provided.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: The reception extended to me by the brethren of Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, on April 19, 1905, will long be remembered. Some of the pleasures of this meeting were attributed to the presence of R. W. Bros. W. J. Ferguson, Jas. Wamsley, and W. Bro. Cameron, and the attention and kindness shown me by these brethren will never be forgotten. W. Bro. R. A. Watt, W. M., and his officers conferred the second degree, which commanded my hearty approval. The candidate was one of the best prepared candidates it has been my pleasure to hear. This lodge leads in membership in this district, and has one of the most comfortable and up-to-date lodge rooms. The books are

looked after by Bro. W. N. Newman, Secretary, and Bro. N. N. Moore, Treasurer, who are careful and capable men. The lodge is doing its share towards making the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund a success. The best of harmony seems to prevail, and the prospects of Cedar Lodge are bright. At the close of the lodge I was entertained at a magnificent banquet in their splendid banquet rooms, where the evening was spent very pleasantly. Many excellent speeches were made and a most profitable and enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: I visited this Lodge on December 19, 1904, accompanied by V. W. Bro. E. Miller, Bros. J. B. Watson and Harry Hurdon, of Northern Light Lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. John Duff, was in the east. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, which was fairly done. The third degree was exemplified. The work was only fairly well done, the officers not being as well up as they should be. The officers are quite capable of putting on better work by giving proper attention to it. The meetings of this lodge have not been well attended the past year. The lodge room is neat and well furnished, and the Secretary's books are well kept. The election of officers was held at this meeting, and I look forward to seeing some improvement in the working of this lodge under a new staff of officers.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove: Accompanied by V. W. Bro. E. Miller, W. Bro. W. J. Bruce and Bro. Wm. Hay, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine, I paid my official visit to this lodge on October 20, 1904. The weather being delightful, a great many members of the neighboring lodges attended. R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bro. John Granger, W. M. of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton, and W. Bro. H. B. Putnam, of Aldworth Lodge No. 235, Paisley, paid fraternal visits, accompanied in each case by members from their respective lodges. W. Bro. Thos. Chittick, W. M., occupied the east and opened the lodge in the three degrees. W. Bro. Geo. Sirrs assisted in the conferring of the third degree on Bro. Patrick Hynes, who deserved great credit for the careful preparation of the work of the preceding degrees. The third degree was creditably exemplified, as well as the opening and closing in the three degrees. My remarks on the necessity of the lodge doing its share towards the Semi-Centen-

nial Benevolent Fund were well received, and I think the matter will be taken up in earnest and its proper proportion will be subscribed by Moravian Lodge. After the lodge was closed the brethren were invited to a magnificent banquet, which was held at the hotel just across the street from the lodge rooms. The evening was one long to be remembered by the brethren who had the pleasure of attending.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: My visit to this lodge on the evening of February 6, 1905, was a very pleasant one, the W. Master having called an emergent meeting for my convenience. There being no work on, the W. Master, W. Bro. M. S. Armstrong and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. The Junior Warden, Bro. Chas. Kuehner, who was newly installed, deserves great credit for the manner in which he delivered the Junior Warden's lecture. The lodge room is very comfortable and well furnished. The Secretary's books are neatly kept and the future of Hanover Lodge should be good.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth: I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on April 19, 1905. The lodge is well furnished and very comfortable. Owing to it being a very disagreeable night there was a small attendance of members. The candidate who was to be passed to the second degree was unable to be present owing to another engagement, but the W. M., W. Bro. Robt. E. Reid, assisted by his officers, exemplified the second degree in a very creditable manner. The Senior Warden, Bro. Alex. Reid, delivered the Senior Warden's lecture very perfectly. The Secretary's books are beautifully kept. Past Masters W. Bro. Frank Campbell and W. Bro. J. E. Campbell were present and assisted in the work, and deserve great praise for the manner in which this lodge has got along in the past.

Fraternally submitted.

M. J. MACPHERSON, D.D.G.M.,

North Huron District No. 5.

WILSON DISTRICT NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Craft Masonry in the Sixth Masonic District.

Before doing so, permit me to thank the brethren of the District for the honor which they conferred upon me by electing me to the important and responsible office of District Deputy Grand Master, and also the Worshipful Masters and brethren of the various lodges for their kind and courteous treatment during my term of office and on the occasion of my official visits to the various lodges.

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony exist in every lodge in the district, that the numerical increase in several has been the greatest in their history, and that the work is generally well done by the W. M's and officers of the various lodges in Wilson District. Indeed, in almost every instance it was my pleasure and duty to compliment, not criticize, the brethren for the excellent exemplification of the work in the several degrees.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. F. Smoke, P. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris, as District Secretary. I am greatly indebted to him for favors received during the year. I immediately afterwards issued a circular letter to every lodge in the district requesting them to send me a copy of their by-laws and notices of all their meetings. I am pleased to state that this was done by every Secretary in the district. I also directed their attention to the unanimous decision of Grand Lodge to raise as expeditiously as possible one hundred thousand dollars to be expended solely for benevolent purposes, and in order to bring this important matter before each lodge at as early a date as possible, I appointed a District Committee consisting of a number of P. D. D. G. M's, and allotted to each two or three lodges which they were

asked to visit and report upon as soon as possible. In almost every instance these R. W. brethren heartily undertook the work assigned and succeeded in arousing an interest in this fund. On the occasion of my official visit to each lodge I brought before them the claims of this worthy scheme, explained the misunderstandings which had arisen in many quarters, and urged upon them the duty and privilege of having some share in this important branch of Freemasonry. In many cases the brethren responded liberally to the appeal, as the following report will show. In a few instances a spirit of indifference seems yet to prevail, possibly, to some extent, because the committee appointed to prosecute the canvass was not heartily in sympathy with the project and fulfilled their duties in an indifferent manner. I am satisfied that by continued effort on the part of those entrusted with this duty, every lodge in this district will, before the expiration of the three years agreed upon by Grand Lodge, have done its share in assisting to lay what may justly be termed the corner-stone of Freemasonry.

The following lodges have reported to the District Secretary the number of subscribers and total amount subscribed by their lodge.

	Subscribers.	Subscribed.
Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford.	103	\$309
St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich.	55	165
St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris	32	93
Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe.	22	79
Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna	25	75
Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Springfield.	20	60
Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton.	15	42
Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover.	23	23
Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock	4	12
Oak Branch, No. 261, Innerkip	12	not known
St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll.	6	9
Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland	—	12
Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi.	1	1
Total	318	\$880

R. W. Bro. Jas. Smiley, District Treasurer, received the sum of \$220.92 during the year for this fund, and I have much pleasure in forwarding his cheque for that amount with the report.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I issued dispensations for the brethren of the following lodges to attend divine service clothed as Masons: Sunday, May 28, Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi; Sunday, June 18, St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll; Sunday, June 18, King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll; Sunday, June 25, Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford; Sunday, July 9, Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland.

The necessary fee in each case was received and transmitted to the Grand Secretary. I trust that this very important duty may be exercised by many more lodges during the coming year. It is a public acknowledgment of our faith in the Great Architect of the Universe, and of the intimate relationship which exists between Masonry and religion.

BY-LAWS.

The by-laws of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, and of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg, were amended and transmitted through me to the Grand Master for his approval.

DEATHS.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year: Bro. W. R. Brown, member of St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich; W. Bro. W. A. Ferguson, member of Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi, died Friday, May 24; Bro. Reuben Johnson, member of Springfield Lodge, No. 250, Springfield, died June 27; Bro. J. A. Stewart, member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, died July 13, 1904; Bro. John Heavner, member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, died April 26, 1905; W. Bro. Hon. Jas. Sutherland, life member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, died May 3, 1905. W. Bro. Sutherland was one of Canada's most prominent citizens, and for several years an honored member of the Dominion Cabinet. He always took a deep interest in Masonry, and his death was universally deplored.

VISITATIONS.

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville: I made my first official visit to this lodge on Friday, October 21, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Jas. Smiley, P. D. D. G. M., of Wilson District; W. Bro. Gant, P. M. of Burford Lodge, and Bro. L. LaPierre, of Paris. Owing to a very wet afternoon and evening the attendance was not large,

but I was pleased to see a good attendance of the Past Masters of the lodge. R. W. Bro. Thos. Allshire was also present, and although now over eighty years of age, seems to take as much interest in Masonry as he did in former years. The W. M. and officers conferred the first degree upon a bright candidate, and considering the fact that this was the first work done in the lodge for over two years, it was quite satisfactorily performed. Past Master W. R. Henderson also conferred the same degree upon a second candidate in a manner which was beyond criticism. He is also Secretary of the lodge. His books are models of neatness, accuracy and penmanship. A pleasant hour was spent around the banquet table at the close of the evening's work.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich: Accompanied by W. Bro. J. R. Inksater, I visited this lodge on the evening of October 26. Owing to the fact that political meeting were being held in several places approximate to the village the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been. This lodge had done considerable work during the year and the presentation of an application that evening was an indication that future work was in prospect. The W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. R. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy was present and added much to the pleasure of my visit. He is a tower of strength to the lodge. W. Bro. Polden keeps his books in good order and takes an active interest in all the proceedings of the lodge. I was especially pleased to learn that almost every member had already subscribed to the benevolent fund. The lodge room is thoroughly equipped and up-to-date in every respect.

Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock: I visited this lodge on Monday, November 14, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Smiley, W. Bros. Smoke, Thomson and Bain, of Paris; W. Bro. Dr. A. S. Lovett, of Ayr Lodge; W. Bro. J. P. Hoag, of Brant Lodge, Brantford, and several other brethren from Paris. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Martin and Allshire on this occasion. The former is a leader among the Masons of this city, and the latter a veteran in the ranks of Plattsville Lodge. After having been cordially welcomed by the W. M. and brethren, I had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the third degree upon a very bright candidate. The work was carefully and impressively performed. A con-

siderable number of brethren of King Solomon's Lodge were present and the very best of good feeling and harmony seems to exist between the two city lodges. Bro. Anderson's books are excellently kept. I took occasion to explain the duties of the brethren towards the charitable part of our institution, and more especially with regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund. A committee was appointed to prosecute a thorough canvass, and I hope to be able to report a good contribution from the brethren of Oxford lodge. A pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table at the close of the work of the evening.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll: I visited this lodge on Friday, November 18, and was met at the station by R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Hegler, who was untiring in his efforts to make my visit to Ingersoll a pleasant one. W. Bro. Cornfoot and his officers conferred the second degree upon a well-posted candidate. The work was so carefully and accurately done that there was very little occasion indeed for criticism. The lecture and charge were both delivered with impressiveness, and must have made a deep impression upon the candidate. I took occasion to outline the early history and growth of our institution with the hope that the brethren would learn to appreciate more highly the organization which has honored them by granting admittance to its ranks. Bright and witty speeches around the banquet table concluded the pleasures of the evening.

Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell: On December 27 I visited this lodge and was cordially welcomed at the station by W. Bros. Ernet and Ker and Bro. Cudney. The W. M. requested me to install the officers, and I was pleased to do so. W. Bro. Burwell, Secretary of the lodge, was absent on account of sickness, the first time, I was informed, during many years. Such brethren are the bulwark of any institution they may be connected with. The closing in the several degrees was admirably done by W. Bro. Ker. The officers are young and enthusiastic and seem determined to maintain the good reputation of Oriental Lodge. This lodge has had a very successful year, and every indication points to a continuance of this prosperity. Banquet, speech and song concluded the evening's proceedings.

Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna: I visited this lodge on the 28th of December, and was cordially welcomed by

R. W. Bro. Clutton, I. P. D. D. G. M. Owing to the very stormy weather the attendance was not very large, but a considerable number drove several miles through the storm to assist in receiving the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master. W. Bro. McCrimmon opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. This was done in a highly satisfactory manner. This lodge last year added fourteen to its membership. It is in good financial condition and the future prospects are very bright. The lodge room is neat, cosy and attractive, and the brethren take great pride in keeping it in this condition. R. W. Bro. Clutton acts as Secretary of this lodge and attends promptly to every detail of the work. He is indeed the leading spirit in the lodge, and much of its past success is doubtless owing to his untiring devotion to the work of Craft Masonry.

Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Springfield: Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Clutton and W. Bro. Gant, P. M. of Burford Lodge, I visited Springfield on December 29. The W. M. kindly called this emergency meeting at my request. We were met by the W. M. and a number of the officers, who had every arrangement made for our comfort. Although the weather was stormy there was a large attendance of the brethren, including visitors from Tillsonburg and Aylmer. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Stewart and his staff of officers in a faultless manner. The work done was one of the best in the district, notwithstanding the fact that this lodge was re-organized only a few months previous to my visit. The lodge room is large, well equipped and attractive. An excellent Masonic spirit seems to prevail among the brethren. After the work of the evening we had the pleasure of joining with the wives and friends of the brethren in an elaborate banquet. Speech and song concluded one of the most enjoyable evenings it has been my privilege to participate in.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford: I installed the officers of this lodge on the 18th of January and was assisted by R. W. Bros. Smiley and Ross. The candidate expected was unable to be present, but the officers closed the lodge in the various degrees in an excellent manner. This lodge is one of the best in the district. There was a large number of Past Masters present, and much of the success of this lodge is doubtless due to their zeal and

counsel. On behalf of the lodge I had the honor to present W. Bro. Dr. McGuire with a handsome P. M's jewel. After an excellent banquet in the Beemer House the brethren retired to the lodge room, where speeches and recitations of a high character concluded a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, Vittoria: I visited this lodge on the 20th of January and installed the officers. After the installation ceremony W. Bro. Mitchell and the retiring officers of the lodge conferred the first degree upon a bright candidate, and the newly installed officers conferred the same degree upon a second candidate. The work in both cases was very creditably done. The work of the Junior Deacon, and particularly the lecture of the Junior Warden, was exceedingly well done. Visitors were present from Simcoe and Port Rowan. Bright speeches from these visiting brethren helped to make the evening pleasant and enjoyable.

Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip: Accompanied by W. Bro. McMahon, of Woodstock, I visited this lodge on the 27th of January. Owing to the delay of trains and bad roads we did not arrive until about 9.30 p. m., and found a fair number of the brethren already assembled. Assisted by W. Bros. Town, Johnson and McMahon, I installed the officers of this lodge. I was pleased to learn that they had considerable work on hand, and I have every reason to anticipate a prosperous year under the guidance of the newly-installed Worshipful Master.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg: My visit to this lodge on February 15 was a very pleasant one, notwithstanding the fact that a general blockade of trains existed, and I did not reach the town until about 10 p.m. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Baker and his staff of officers in a careful, painstaking and impressive manner. Past Master A. E. Ravnes is an excellent Secretary. His books are models in neatness, accuracy and method. A large block has just been completed, which is owned largely by the brethren of this lodge. The entire upper flat has been reserved for lodge purposes. The rooms were not decorated or furnished at the time of my visit, but these matters were soon completed under the direction of an excellent staff of Past Masters, and on June the 14th the Grand Master was invited to dedicate

the rooms. Much to the regret of all who were present on that occasion, the M. W. the Grand Master was unable to be present. He requested me to act for him and I was pleased to do so. There were representatives present from nearly every lodge in the district, and every visitor seemed to be delighted with the beautiful, commodious and handsomely furnished apartments of the Tillsonburg brethren. It is certainly the finest in Wilson District and compares favorably with most of the city lodge rooms. Over three hundred brethren sat down to an elaborate banquet at the close of the evening's proceedings.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll: I visited this lodge on March 3 and was kindly welcomed by W. Bro. Patterson, Worshipful Master of the lodge. The first degree was carefully conferred on an attentive candidate. The work was generally well done. The Junior Warden's lecture was beautifully and impressively delivered. There was a large gathering of the brethren, including a number of Past Masters and also visitors from the Woodstock lodges. This lodge has had a very prosperous year under its enthusiastic Master, who was re-elected for a second year. The Secretary's books are neatly and accurately kept. The walls of the lodge room are beautifully decorated and every provision is made for successful work. The usual banquet was followed by speech and song, concluding a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock: Accompanied by Bro. McCausland, of Paris, I visited this lodge on March 7. I was introduced by R. W. Bros. Martin and Karn, P. D. D. G. M's of Wilson District, and heartily received by a large gathering of the brethren. W. Bro. Mahon conferred the first degree upon a bright candidate in a masterly manner. The clearness of diction, accuracy of expression and impressive manner must have deeply impressed the candidate with the beautiful teachings of Freemasonry. He was well supported by efficient officers, who also did their work in a highly creditable manner. A good attendance of Past Masters indicated the interest shown by those whom the lodge had honored in the past. V. W. Bro. McGachie is a very efficient Secretary and keeps his books in perfect order. After the labors of the evening were concluded the brethren and visitors adjourned to the refreshment room, where a pleasant and profitable hour was spent.

Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland: In company with W. Bro. Gant I visited this lodge on the 10th of March and was heartily received by the brethren. W. Bro. Messicar and his staff of officers conferred the first degree in a highly satisfactory manner. The lecture was impressively given by the Junior Warden. This lodge has had a large addition to its membership during the year, and has a bright future in prospect. I was pleased to find that R. W. Bro. Ross, P. D. D. G. M., had visited this lodge and presented the claims of the Benevolent Fudd, and that many of the brethren had already subscribed thereto. An elaborate banquet was enjoyed by all at the close of the work of the evening. Speeches interspersed with music and recitation concluded an evening of pleasure and profit to all.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro: On the 16th of March I drove over from Woodstock to make my official visit to this lodge. Notwithstanding the wretched condition of the roads there was a good attendance of the brethren. I was cordially received by the W. M., who conferred the first degree on a bright candidate. Past Master Munro was then asked to assume the chair and conferred the same degree in a second candidate. The work was very creditably done in both instances. The funds of this lodge are low, owing largely to the fact that very little work has been done for some time past. I regret also to find that several brethren are considerably behind in the payment of their dues.

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton: I was accompanied on this visit on the 24th of March by R. W. Bro. Smiley, W. Bro. Whitehead and W. Bro. Gant, of Burford Lodge. W. Bro. Reid warmly welcomed the visiting brethren and afterwards conferred the second degree upon a highly promising candidate. I was pleased to find that this lodge is quite active, and as other applications have been presented there is every promise of good energetic work in the future. Bro. Convey makes a very efficient Secretary and keeps his books in good order. We were hospitably entertained at the banquet table, where brotherly love and good fellowship prevailed.

St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris: I visited this my mother lodge on the 11th of April. We were honored with a large delegation of visitors from Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford, headed by R. W. Bro. J. Ross, P. D.

D. G. M., and W. Bro. Matchett, W. M. of the lodge, also visitors from Princeton, Burford and Ayr lodges. The lodge was opened in the first degree by the officers of St. John's Lodge, and after having duly received the visiting brethren, the W. M. requested the officers of Wilson Lodge to assume their respective chairs and confer the second degree upon one of their own candidates. The work was done in a perfect manner, every officer fulfilling his duties with accuracy and despatch. Wilson Lodge has every reason to be proud of its officers, whose work was one of the best I have ever had the pleasure of witnessing. The officers of St. John's Lodge resumed their chairs and opened and closed in the various degrees. W. Bro. Whitehead has a capable staff of officers, and I have much pleasure in testifying to the highly satisfactory manner in which every part of the work is conducted. I am pleased also to state that the Paris brethren have subscribed liberally towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. At the close of the work all present repaired to the New Royal otel, where a banquet was tendered the brethren, after which a number of interesting speeches were delivered. The solos of Bro. Sheldrick added much to the pleasures of this part of the proceedings.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: My official visit to this lodge was made on the 17th of April. As there were no candidates for degrees I requested W. Bro. Graham to open and close in the several degrees. The work was done in a manner that assured me of the efficiency of his staff of officers. R. W. Bro. Crvsler is Secretary of this lodge. His books are kept in a faultless manner and much of the success of this lodge is doubtless due to his counsel and support. The claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund were fully discussed by your representative and others, and I have every reason to believe that the brethren of Frederick Lodge will do their share in advancing this important fund.

Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford: On the 17th of april I had thepleasure of visiting this lodge officially, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Smiley and W. Bros. Inksater, Whitehead and Bain. We were warmly welcomed by a large gathering of the Burford brethren, including several visiting brethren from Princeton. A candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Pratt and his officers in a manner seldom equalled by any other lodge in the dis-

trict. Every part of the work was exceedingly well done. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Myles, whose untiring efforts in the cause of Masonry have doubtless been instrumental in bringing Burford Lodge into the highly efficient state which I had the pleasure of finding on this my official visit. An excellent banquet and many bright speeches of a high order concluded one of the most enthusiastic gatherings held this year in Wilson District.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan: I visited this lodge on April 24 and was most kindly received by the officers and brethren. Visitors were present from Vienna, Port Burwell and Vittoria. The W. M. and his officers exemplified the third degree in a highly creditable manner. The Secretary, W. Bro. Ryan, keeps his books in good order, and is also a valued counsellor in the general work of the lodge. This lodge is making good progress, and with so many zealous Past Masters this is sure to continue.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe: I visited this lodge on May 5th, and was met at the station by Bro. Porter, Secretary of the lodge, and kindly entertained at lunch by W. Bro. Innes, W. M. of the lodge. There was a fair attendance of the brethren, which included a number of Past Masters, among whom were W. Bros. McIntosh and Reid, both enthusiastic Masons. The third degree was conferred on an attentive candidate in an accurate and impressive manner. The dues are considerably in arrears, but have been much reduced through the activity of Bro. Porter, who is a thoroughly efficient officer, and keeps his books in excellent condition. A pleasant hour was spent around the banquet table at the close of the evening's proceedings.

Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover: My official visit to this lodge was made on May 12. This was an emergency meeting kindly called by the W. M. to suit my convenience. No degree work was exemplified by W. Bro. Davies and his officers, but they opened and closed the lodge in the various degrees in a highly satisfactory manner. Immediate Past Master Waddle exercises a careful oversight of the work of the lodge. This lodge is also fortunate in having the counsel of R. W. Bro. Dr. Kennedy, P. D. D. G. M. of Wilson District. Past Master Varey keeps his books in a model condition and looks after every detail of his duties. W. Bro. Dr. McIntosh

and Bro. Porter, of Simcoe, were present on this occasion. The lodge room is bright and attractive. A very enjoyable evening was concluded by a banquet in an adjoining room.

In conclusion I desire again to thank the brethren of Wilson District for their kind assistance, generous treatment and personal interest they have taken in me. I feel that in this brief report I have overlooked many who should have received special recognition at my hands. I sincerely hope that they will accept the will for the deed. I thoroughly enjoyed my visits to the various lodges and regret that time and circumstances did not permit my enjoying their hospitality on more frequent occasions. I am pleased to leave this large and influential district in a very satisfactory condition, and trust that my successor will receive the hearty support and good fellowship which was so generously accorded to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. Y. TAYLOR, D. D. G. M.,
Wilson District No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem. Degree's		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
			Membership	Conf'd		1	2	1	2										Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
10	Norfolk.....	Sincoe.....	113	8	9	4	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	\$40 00	22	\$242 25	May 23, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 300 00
37	KingHiram.....	Ingersoll.....	105	11	1	8	10	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	30 00	9	155 00	Jan. 1, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
43	King Sol'm Woodstock.....	Woodstock.....	127	10	5	8	7	5	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	60 00	8	190 00	Dec. 27, '04	Vy Good	Excel't	Yes	1125 00
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	79	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	15 00	...	Jan. 9, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	147	15	13	13	10	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	25 00	16	135 00	Jan. 12, '05	Good	Excel't	Yes	1125 00
78	KingHiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	137	...	7	6	15	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	64	2	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	...	10	121 35	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	74	...	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	20 00	43	135 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	No	500 00
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	70	4	2	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	...	20	150 00	July, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	30	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	...	5	43 24	Dec. 27, '04	Vy Good	Vy Good	Yes	100 00
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	116	11	3	9	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	186 50	1	3 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Vy Good	Yes	650 00
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	63	11	3	9	7	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	...	18	50 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
174	Walsing'm.....	Port Rowan.....	56	4	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	...	5	41 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	1200 00
178	Plattville.....	Plattsville.....	41	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	...	6	68 65	Mc'h. 20, '05	Fair	Fair	Yes	250 00
181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	32	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	10	...	5	18 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
193	Scotland.....	Scot and Delbi.....	69	4	3	3	4	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	10 00	20	87 00	Feb. 20, '05	Good	Excel't	Yes	500 00
217	Frederick.....	Delbi.....	66	4	...	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	13	...	...	...	June 24, '05	Fair	Fair	Yes	250 00
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	25 00	4	61 15	June 24, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	550 00
250	Thistle.....	Enbro.....	31	13	1	9	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	...	...	7 25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Excel't	Yes	...
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	27	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	5 00	4	17 25	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
361	Oak Branch.....	Inverkip.....	48	7	2	7	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	10 00	5	20 00	Jan. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Yes	2 00
369	Victoria.....	Victoria.....	48	7	2	7	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	10 00	5	20 00	Jan. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Yes	2 00

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is with pleasure I submit for your consideration my report upon the condition of Masonry in Wellington District.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In the first place I wish to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me at the last meeting of Grand Lodge in electing me to this important and responsible office, and to express to the brethren throughout the district my gratefulness for the kindly treatment accorded me whilst paying my official visits, a flattering reception being given me on every occasion.

I visited every lodge in the district once, and some of them twice, and in every case at the regular meeting.

I have endeavored to fill the responsible position of the representative of the Grand Master in this district to the best of my ability. Knowing that accuracy and uniformity in the work is most essential, I determined that my efforts should be in that direction, and in visiting the different lodges I corrected when necessary and complimented only when deserved. The harmony that exists among the brethren of the district is most gratifying, and one of the most pleasant features I have to report is that I was not called upon to adjust any grievance, perfect harmony prevailing.

One of my first duties after my election was to appoint W. Bro. R. S. Hamilton, of Alma Lodge, No. 72, as the District Secretary, and Bro. R. E. Knowles, of Galt Lodge, No. 257, District Chaplain. I might say that both of these brethren have filled their offices not only with credit to themselves but with honor to the Craft. I immediately notified each lodge of my appointment, and at the same time, by instruction from the Grand Master,

I issued a circular letter relating to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. In this connection I might say that I have done my utmost to show the brethren of the district their duty toward this grand scheme, and in order to still further the interest in the fund I divided the district into five divisions and appointed as chairman of the several divisions brethren whose zeal and ability I could rely upon, and I am pleased to report that about \$1,200.00 has been subscribed by the brethren for this fund.

Under permission of Grand River Lodge, No. 151, I held a Lodge of Instruction at Berlin on the 17th of November, which was well attended by the brethren of the district, about ninety being present. Lodge opened at 11.20 a. m. with the officers of Grand River Lodge in the chairs. The work of the first degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner and received the commendation of all brethren present. Before the lodge was passed to the second degree R. W. Bro. J. J. Craig was called to the East and presented by myself, on behalf of the lodges of the district, with a beautiful Past District Deputy regalia, as an expression of the confidence and respect of the district towards their P. D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. Craig replied in felicitous terms thanking the lodges of the district for the high honor they had conferred on him and expressing the great pleasure it had been for him to perform the duties of the D. D. of the district.

The work of the second degree was then exemplified by the officers of Preston Lodge, No. 297. The work was done excellently by W. Bro. George A. Roos, and the other officers of his lodge did their parts exceedingly well, and all received the approbation of those present.

The officers of Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville, kindly consented to confer the third degree, and W. Bro. K. H. Robinson and his officers did excellent work, leaving no room for criticism.

R. W. Bro. Tait, of Toronto, was present and explained at some length the general plans to adopt in the examination of a visiting brother. His remarks were very much appreciated by the brethren present, and I have no doubt but that some will be greatly benefited, as I fear that there is probably a little slackness in that respect in some lodges in the district. All the work of the afternoon was very ably and efficiently done, and my thanks are due and tendered to the lodges which took part in the work and also

to the brethren of Berlin for their kindness in permitting us to have their beautiful rooms.

I forward to the M. W. the Grand Master for approval by-laws of Wellington Lodge,, Erin, and Durham Lodge, Durham, also a change in by-law of Waverly Lodge, Guelph, all of which were approved by him.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Grim Reaper has been busy within our district during the past year, and the following deaths have been reported to me, in all cases without any particulars:

W. Bro. H. W. Mockler, Durham Lodge, died July 31, 1904.

W. Bro. John D. Watson, Scott Lodge, Grand Valley, died September 16. This is the first member of Scott Lodge to be called to the Grand Lodge above by the Great Architect of the Universe.

W. Bro. J. R. Hea, Scott Lodge, Grand Valley, died January 9, 1905.

Bro. A. Johnston, Sr., Wellington Lodge, died February 8, 1905.

Bro. C. C. Green, Prince Arthur Lodge, died March 17.

Bro. D. Mann, Scott lodge, Grand Valley, died April 12.

Bro. N. Scott, Harriston Lodge, died June 9.

VISITATIONS.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: I began my official visits here on September 20. The W. M. expected two candidates to be present to be passed to the second degree. However, they failed to appear, but the W. M. and his officers exemplified the degree in the most satisfactory manner. This lodge, I am pleased to report, is now doing good work. The officers were young men of the right material, and I predict a bright future for Durham lodge. Their rooms have been repaired and are now quite attractive and comfortable. The Secretary, W. Bro. Bean, does his work well.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: I visited this lodge on November 15. Not a very good lodge room, but the W. M. and officers do their work very well. Two candidates were initiated into Masonry that evening, and I see by the notices sent me that a fair amount of work has been done at the lodge. The attendance was very good. After lodge closed we spent a most pleasant hour around the festive board.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: Visited this lodge December 21. Good attendance. Third degree exemplified by W. Bro. Skinner and officers in fairly good manner. They have a nice new lodge room, also new furniture, and I am pleased to report that Wellington lodge have now as comfortable quarters, for their size, as any lodge in the district, and I am sure that under the guidance of W. Bro. Skinner Wellington lodge will prosper. I would just suggest that an endeavor be made by the officers to have the dues paid more promptly. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Conboy, who takes a great interest in the lodge, and also R. W. Bro. Craig. After lodge closed we listened to some very good speeches by the brethren just named.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: Visited this my mother lodge on December 30, being our usual Past Masters' evening. R. W. Bro. Oliver occupied the East. I was very much pleased to see so many brethren present, not only of Alma lodge and our sister lodge, Galt lodge, but also from the lodges of the neighboring towns. I was also very much pleased to see so many P. M's among the number, including R. W. Bros. Miller and Cowan. The first degree was conferred by the P. M's, and it was excellently done, which shows that the P. M's of Alma lodge still keep the work well up. Being a regular attendant at this my own lodge I can testify to the good work done by W. Bro. Taggart, his wardens, and junior officers of the lodge. Before lodge was closed W. Bro. Collins was asked by the W. M. to step to the East, when he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. I do not think that Alma lodge could find a more deserving brother than W. Bro. Collins. He is always ready to instruct those who come to him for information, and the junior officers of the lodge find in him a true friend and helper. After lodge closed we spent an hour very pleasantly around the festive board.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: I visited this lodge on January 27 and found very few present, as it was a very stormy night, and being a railroad town and the majority of the members railroad men, they were all on duty. V. W. Bro. Hindman conferred the second degree in a fairly good manner. The junior officers of the lodge were not as well skilled in the work as they should be. The lodge rooms are very comfortable, and prospects are bright for Blair lodge.

Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton: I visited this lodge on February 7. A splendid meeting, thirty being present. I regret that I did not see any work, but the opening and closing of the lodge in the several degrees was well done. The lodge room is very comfortable, and Conestoga lodge have good prospects. The Secretary, W. H. Smith, knows his duty and does his work well.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: Visited this lodge January 9, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Miller. W. Bro. McRae and the officers conferred the first degree in an able manner. I was very pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Mahoney, who is a very regular attendant at lodge meeting. I was also pleased to see so many of the brethren of the sister lodges present. A very pleasant half hour was spent after lodge closed in the banquet room.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: I visited this lodge March 13, and regret that owing to blocking of trains I had to cancel my former visit. W. Bro. Lambert and his officers conferred the first degree most creditably, and Harriston lodge must be complimented on their choice of officers. The lodge room is in splendid condition. The lodge books well kept and dues well paid up. I spent in Harriston lodge one of my most pleasant evenings. Prospects of the lodge are good.

Grand River Lodge, No. 51, Berlin: I visited this lodge March 14, and had the pleasure of seeing four candidates passed to the second degree. The work was very well done by W. Bro. A. Werner, who is one of the best workers in the district. The Wardens and junior officers also did their work well. This is the nicest furnished lodge room in the district, and when filled by brethren as on the night of my visit, it proves that Masonry in Berlin and Waterloo is flourishing. The lodge books are also very well kept.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: I visited this lodge in March 15, accompanied by about twenty members from Galt and a dozen from Preston, including R. W. Bro. Miller. I always like to visit New Hope Lodge, for you are certain of seeing good work every time, and to-night I was not disappointed. W. Bro. Garland and his officers conferred the first degree in a very correct manner, the lecture given by the J. W. being exceptionally well done. The lodge room is bright and cheery and the lodge books excellently kept by W. Bro. J. Jardine, who

is an energetic Mason. Prospects for New Hope Lodge are the best.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston: Visited this lodge on March 17 and found R. W. Bro. Miller at his post as usual. No work was done this evening, for which I regret. However, I know that W. Bro. Geo. A. Roos and his officers do the work most accurately; in fact, as well as any lodge in the district. Before the lodge closed W. Bro. McIntosh was pleasantly surprised by being presented with a Morris chair. Bro. McIntosh is one of the old reliables of Preston lodge. I have known him for a great many years and have always found him to be the same kind, true Mason. I regret that a short time ago Bro. McIntosh was stricken with paralysis, and although in a very bad way and suffering great pain, he bears it all without any grumbling, and I trust he will soon be with us again.

Waverly Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: I visited this lodge March 27, being greeted with the largest number of Masons at any meeting in the district. The first degree was conferred, and W. Bro. Chapman and his officers do the work very creditably. The ceremony was very much improved by the choir. The singing was certainly good and added much to the enjoyment of the evening. I was very much pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Savage and Pettiford, both well skilled and earnest Masons. After lodge adjourned we spent a pleasant hour in the banquet room.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: I visited this lodge May 5 and had the pleasure of meeting my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Craig. I regret that no work was done, but I have seen W. Bro. Wansborough confer degrees and I know just how accurately he can do them. The Secretary, Bro. Pritchard, keeps the lodge books in splendid shape. Prospects for Mercer Lodge are very bright.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: I visited this lodge April 4, and as I am about as regular an attendant as most of the members, I know the work to be well done in the lodge. W. Bro. Skelton is a splendid worker, knowing his work well and having a good elivery. The Wardens and junior officers of the lodge are also well posted. R. W. Bros. Taylor and Cowan, also W. Bros. Mitchell and Thomas, take a keen interest in the lodge and are gen-

erally present at all meetings. Galt lodge is very prosperous.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: I visited this lodge April 18 and was greeted with a very good turnout of members, among them being R. W. Bros. Irving and McLaren and V. W. Bro. Mann. W. Bro. Robinson and his officers conferred the first degree in a manner above criticism. The lodge is officered by young men of ability, and the present occupants of the wardens' chairs will certainly make good Masters when placed in the east. Harris lodge is doing good work all along the line and the prospects are the very best.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: Visited this lodge April 19, accompanied by about a dozen brethren from Orangeville, including W. Bro. Robinson. This is a very pretty lodge room, the equipments are good, and everything kept in first-class order. The work of conferring the first degree was well done by W. Bro. McClelland and his officers. I was very much pleased to meet the W. M., as I have known him for a great many years, long before he entered the Craft, and I can assure him I was very much pleased to see him occupying the East. The Secretary of the lodge, W. Bro. McIntyre, must be congratulated for the manner in which his books are kept, so neat, and the dues are well kept up. We had a very pleasant evening, after the lodge closed, in the refreshment room. Prospects of this lodge good.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: Visited this lodge May 12, and only a few brethren were present, the W. M. also being absent. As no work was on for the evening I had not the pleasure of seeing the officers confer the degrees. However, the acting W. M. opened the lodge in the several degrees very satisfactorily, and I have every reason to believe that this lodge is in a prosperous condition. I was pleased to meet W. Bro. Ireland, who is a most enthusiastic Mason. The lodge rooms are well equipped and comfortable. The Secretary keeps his books well.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: I visited this lodge May 16, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Cowan, of Galt Lodge; R. W. Bro. Miller, Preston, and W. Bros. R. H. Hamilton and Despond and Bro. Secord. I am pleased to report that I consider Ayr lodge now on the up-grade. They have a splendid set of officers, all young men, who appear

to be very zealous and capable. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Anderson, the Immediate Past Master, in a manner seldom excelled in Wellington District. Although the lodge rooms are small they are most comfortable and belong to the lodge. The attendance was very good for a small lodge. After the lodge closed we repaired to the banquet room, where we spent a pleasant hour. Prospects for Ayr lodge bright.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I paid my official visit to this lodge May 19, accompanied by W. Bro. Stevenson, of Speed Lodge. There was a very large number of members present. I have seen some splendid meetings throughout the district, but I do not think that in all the lodges I have visited that more young men were present than at Irvine lodge. The third degree was conferred in a most satisfactory manner. I was very much pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Burns, the indefatigable Secretary, who has less arrears on his books than any lodge in the district, entirely due to his energy. I regret the absence of R. W. Bro. Smith, who at that time was indisposed, but I am pleased to know is now better. This being election of officers, a rather striking incident took place, which was the election of four doctors to the four principal offices of the lodge. I know that they are all well skilled and can do good work, and I hope that their attendance at lodge will be regular. The prospects of their lodge are the brightest. After close of lodge we were hospitably entertained.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: Visited this lodge June 5th, accompanied again by R. W. Bro. Miller. I was very much pleased to meet here R. W. Bro. Scoon, whom I understand rarely misses a meeting, and who is one of the best authorities on Masonry in the district. The work of conferring the third degree was splendidly done by the W. M. and his officers, and although Speed lodge is probably not doing quite as much work as some other lodges in the district, it is certainly not dormant. I was very much pleased to see here many brethren from the sister lodges in Guelph. At all of my three visits to Guelph lodges in every instance there has been a good representation from the other lodges. Prospects of Speed lodge are good.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: I visited this lodge on June 13. The attendance was good and Prince

Arthur Lodge has a splendid room. I regret that no work was done, but the W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees quite satisfactorily, and I have every reason to believe that the work would be well done. The prospects of this lodge are the brightest. We spent a very pleasant half hour after lodge closed in the banquet room.

In conclusion, I shall hand to my successor the sacred trust given me a year ago, feeling sure that the generous support given me will be accorded to him by the brethren of wellington District.

I would like to say a few words to some of the secretaries of the district, which is, my report should be in the hands of Grand Lodge not later than July 1. It is impossible for me to send in this report until I receive from the different lodges the statements showing the work done during the past year. Up to July 12 some of the Secretaries have not yet sent in this report, which prohibits me giving Grand Lodge the proper returns. I would suggest that in future the Secretaries have their reports all sent in not later than the 26th of June.

I wish to tender my sincere thanks to R. W. Bros. Oliver, Cowan, Miller, McLaren and Irving for the many kindnesses rendered me during my term of office, and in laying down the gavel of this splendid district I shall never forget the pleasant hours spent with the brethren of the different lodges, and I feel assured that I leave to my successor a district in perfect harmony and numerically and financially prosperous.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN W. PORTEOUS, D. D. G. M.,

Wellington District No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'd.			Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	133	12	9	8	9	6	3	4	...	...	10	4	14	28	\$15 00	8	\$68 00	Jan. 24, '05	A 1	Good	Yes	Jointly
151	Grnd River	Berlin.....	119	17	13	11	7	4	...	...	...	...	1 13	3	16	30	...	...	...	Jan. 10, '05	Fair	Good	Yes	\$1500 00
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	38	8	2	4	7	8	...	...	...	...	1 14	4	18	14	...	...	...	Dec. 30, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	700 00
180	Special.....	Guelph.....	75	2	3	4	5	4	1	1	...	...	2 13	...	...	28	28 75	22	200 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
200	St. Alban.....	Mt. Forest.....	64	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	1 13	1	14	15	10 00	3	40 00	June, 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	56	3	5	5	5	1	3	...	...	...	10	3	13	16	6 80	3	18 60	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	161	14	16	14	13	...	1	...	...	...	1 13	9	22	24	15 00	35	198 00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
257	Galt.....	Galt.....	136	18	21	15	16	9	3	1	...	...	1 13	8	21	23	...	...	...	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	90	...	7	4	6	1	4	4	...	...	13	13	...	17	41 50	26	...	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	88	1	6	4	4	...	3	1	...	...	1 12	2	14	23	32 87	21	91 75	June 24, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	None
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	64	7	2	7	8	6	...	...	...	...	2 12	1	13	18	20 00	30	108 25	June 24, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	600 00
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	62	2	4	4	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	12	11	13	...	...	...	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 90
295	Connestoga	Drayton.....	48	3	2	1	5	2	...	...	...	...	11	3	14	16	56 00	8	24 00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	55	11	2	7	5	6	4	1	...	...	1 11	9	14	18	35 60	10	84 75	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	55	6	6	6	6	1	...	...	...	...	1 13	5	18	18	100 00	5	50 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	None
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	59	5	1	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	1 12	3	15	15	38 00	14	96 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	550 00
315	Cliford.....	Cliford.....	35	7	1	7	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	12	4	16	10 00	...	...	Dec. 31, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	None
334	Pr. Arthur.....	Arthur.....	64	4	7	5	5	1	1	3	...	...	1 12	6	18	15	112 00	9	53 40	Dec. 31, '04	Fair	Fair	No	500 00
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	55	8	4	7	5	2	...	...	...	...	9	4	13	15	20 00	2	9 00	June 24, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
361	Waverly.....	Guelph.....	131	1	8	12	12	...	1	5	...	...	1 10	4	14	25	32 75	30	375 00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	87	5	11	15	16	...	3	...	...	...	3 14	8	22	27	100 50	5	71 27	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	For 00

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District No. 8 during the year ending June 24, 1905. I desire to thank the brethren of the district for the high honor conferred in electing me to the position of D. D. G. M. I take it as a compliment to my mother lodge, The Doric, this being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the lodge. After my election I appointed W. Bro. J. Jardine, of Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, of Stoney Creek, as District Secretary, and he has rendered me much valuable assistance during the year.

VISITS.

I have visited all the lodges in the district once, some of them oftener, and have been received with the utmost kindness and courtesy. I feel sure that benefit has been derived from the discussions with the different lodges, and that harmony and good will have been promoted by these visits.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I issued dispensations for brethren to appear clothed as Masons and attend divine service, as follows:

1904—September 18, Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster; September 25, Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro; September 25, Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek; October 2, Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove; November 6, Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas.

1905—June 17, Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville; June 25, Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington; and the necessary fees for same have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

I regret to note that many of the lodges in the district are discontinuing the practice of attending divine service as Masons on St. John's Day.

REPORT OF LODGES.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster: My first official visit was made to this lodge on the evening of September 20, 1904. It was an ideal night for a drive to a historic village, and about forty visiting brethren were present, and a good attendance of the members, making a record meeting for the lodge. Two candidates were initiated into our ancient mysteries, the W. M. taking one and the I. P. M. taking the other. The work was well done. The Secretary's report showed the lodge to be in a good and flourishing condition. A special appeal was made to them urging them to do their duty in regard to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, and I feel assured they will do so. After the work a banquet was provided in their own building, at which W. Bro. Chas. Stewart presided. Speeches were made by the D. D. G. M., R. W. Bros. Birrell, McCallum, Davis, V. W. Bro. Stewart, W. Bros. Jas. Old and Dr. MacGregor. A number of songs and recitations also enlivened the evening.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook: Visited this lodge on October 19, 1904. A number of the brethren from Hamilton accompanied me. The night was beautiful, the roads good, and the lodge room was filled to its utmost capacity. The work of the third degree was exemplified by the Master, W. Bro. Twiss, W. Bro. Senn, the Secretary, and the other officers of the lodge. The candidate was a bright intelligent young man and well instructed. The degree was well worked. The lodge is in good shape but is not making much progress. I appealed to them on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and was well pleased to find that this work is in good hands.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro: Visited this lodge on Thanksgiving night, the 17th of November, 1904. Visitors were present from Hamilton, Dundas, Millgrove and Ancaster, and the lodge room was filled to overflowing. There being no degree work I requested the Master, W. Bro. Jas. C. Sharpe, to open and close in the several degrees, which was properly done. I made

an appeal to the lodge for co-operation and subscriptions to the Benevolent Fund. There was a ready response, but as some misunderstanding was prevalent in the minds of some of our brethren as to how this fund was to be used I endeavored to set that matter right. They are a fine sturdy lot of fellows out there, and when they are sure they are right will go ahead. An enjoyable time was spent after the meeting with speech and song.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton: Visited this lodge on December 9, 1904. It was the night of the annual meeting for the election of officers. This lodge is in a most satisfactory condition. Their present membership is 315. The Master is an energetic Mason of more than ordinary ability, and a good worker. The D. D. G. M. was requested to conduct the election. There is every reason to believe that the lodge will be well officered for the next year. Acacia lodge subscribe to the United Benevolent Fund of this city, and have a lodge benevolent fund, and they were also among the first subscribers to the Semi-Centennial Fund—a good example for any lodge to follow.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton: Visited this lodge on December 13, 1904. This was the occasion of their annual meeting. The W. M., W. Bro. James Dickson, being away in the Old Country, R. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham presided in his absence. W. Bro. Zimmerman worked the first degree, which was well done. At the request of the presiding officer the D. D. G. M. conducted the election of officers. Bro. E. F. Lazier was elected to the Master's chair. His father, who was present at the meeting, occupied the same position in Temple Lodge twenty-five years ago. The lodge has a good financial standing, and the books of the Secretary, W. Bro. Pedlar, are in excellent shape. This officer was highly commended by the members for the good work he has done. The lodge has made a net increase of twelve members for the year, and prospects are very bright for the incoming year.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton: Visited this lodge on Thursday, the 15th day of December, 1904. The principal business was the election of officers for the ensuing term. There was a large turnout of the members, and the contest for office was very keen. This lodge is about the second to largest of the Canadian lodges. They

have a very efficient Secretary, who looks well after the financial affairs of the lodge. They are also very fortunate in having a good number of Past Masters who are regular attendants at the meetings. They are all well able to attend to any work, and it is always well done.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton: Visited this lodge on Friday, the 16th day of December, 1904. It was the occasion of their annual election of officers, and the D. D. G. M. was invited to preside. The choice of officers was almost unanimous all through. They have a very fine set of officers, and the lodge is making satisfactory progress, constant and steady. This lodge is true to the principles of Freemasonry, being distinguished for their charity. At their own expense they have furnished a ward in the Public Hospital, and they have a special committee to look after its continuance. They have also appointed a good committee to collect subscriptions for the Semi-Centennial Fund. The work of this lodge is at all times well rendered, very satisfactory and pleasing assistance being given by their magnificent choir in the musical parts. On Saturday, the 26th day of November, 1904, in response to the invitation of W. Bro. McIlroy, of Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, I had the pleasure of accompanying a party of the officers, members and Masonic friends of Strict Observance Lodge, in number over one hundred, on a fraternal visit to Transportation Lodge in the city of Buffalo. Assembled at the Temple Building, in the lodge room were over three hundred Buffalo brethren, including the Grand Master of the State of New York, who had come to Buffalo purposely to see the Canadian work exemplified. The third degree was put on by the officers and Past Master of Strict Observance, assisted by their very able quartette, it was impressively and correctly rendered. At the conclusion the M. W. the Grand Master of New York State expressed his pleasure at the manner in which the degree was conferred and congratulated the Master and officers of Strict Observance Lodge very highly. After the meeting in the lodge room the brethren were invited to a banquet in the sumptuous dining room of the Iroquois Hotel. The room was handsomely decorated, and at the head of the table were interwoven those grand emblems of progress and civilization—the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack. Speeches were made by some of the

Buffalo brethren, and the D. D. G. M. responded to the toast of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and W. Bro. Fred. Howell to the toast to the Fair City of Hamilton. The Lodge of Strict Observance are entitled to great credit for forging another link in the chain that binds together the Masons all over the world, and the Buffalo brethren are worthy of being called the princes of entertainment and good fellowship. Who will be the next to follow their example?

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek: Visited on December 19, 1904. They have a very pretty and well furnished lodge room. The last year has been a good one with this lodge, as they have initiated twenty-two candidates. The Master worked the first degree and it was done as near perfection as possible. They are actively engaged in collecting subscriptions for the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the dues collected in a satisfactory manner. Altogether it is a pattern lodge for any other to follow.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington: On December 21, 1904, a visit was paid to this lodge. The annual election of officers was conducted by the D. D. G. M. The election was almost unanimous on every ballot, and there was a large turnout of the members. The year 1904 has been one of the best in the history of the Burlington lodge, and they have a good staff of officers and bright prospects for the new year. The work is well done, the Secretary collects the dues satisfactorily, and the brethren are attending to the claims of charity.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville: Visited this lodge on the night of the 17th of January, 1905, and was accompanied by sixteen of the Hamilton brethren. The work of the first degree was put on by the Master and his officers. W. Bro. Chisholm, although suffering from a severe cold, performed his work well, as did the others also. This lodge is in good condition. Last year they made a net increase of ten members. An appeal was made to them on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. So far nothing had been done in regard to this matter, but I have no doubt it will be taken up vigorously from this time on.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton: An official visit was paid to this lodge on February 16, 1905. Some fifteen or

sixteen visitors from Hamilton were in the party. About three miles from Milton the train got stuck in a snow bank, and the report was that we would have to stay there till morning, but several members of the party started to walk and succeeded in reaching the town. St. Clair lodge is in good shape and has enjoyed quite a substantial increase in membership during the year. They have a good bank balance and plenty of work on hand. No doubt the progress for the next year will be good. They have, however, too much outstanding dues. After the meeting a very unique function took place. A banquet was held at which a number of ladies, the wives and daughters of the members of St. Clair Lodge, participated. They appeared to drink as heartily to the usual toasts, which were proposed by the presiding officer, W. Bro. Peacock, as the members themselves. Speeches, songs and recitations were given. The W. M. and officers promised to take up the matter of the Benevolent Fund and appoint a committee to take up subscriptions for the same.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford: On March 17th, accompanied by a goodly deputation from Hamilton, an official visit was paid to this lodge. This is one of the most active lodges of the district, doing a large amount of work all the time and doing it well. At this meeting they put on a unique specimen of work, the lectures in the first and second degrees were given very correctly, and a beautiful set of pictures thrown on the canvas added much to the effect. Young members were brought to the alter and repeated the obligations in the first, second and third degrees, and were also put through a very complete examination as if visiting a strange lodge. A button brigade has been very successfully carried on in this lodge; when any member can pass an examination as to the obligations in the three degrees and the posting, a button is presented to him. The button used is of gold, with the Doric column, the letter B, and the square and compass design. The signification of the emblems are explained at each presentation. This lodge is very prosperous in every particular.

Walker lodge, No. 321, Acton: Monday, the 20th day of March, 1905, this lodge was visited officially. There were a number of visitors and a good turnout of the members. The lodge is in a good financial position and

adding to their membership. They have a good class of people, but there is rather too much outstanding dues for the number of members. The W. M. has appointed a committee to deal with the question of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. W. Bro. John Shaw, a Past Master of twenty-five years ago, was presented with a Past Master's jewel by the D. D. G. M. on behalf of the lodge.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas: Visited on Monday, the 10th April. There was a good turnout of members and visitors, about twenty-five going out from Hamilton, and a fair contingent from Dufferin Lodge, West Flamboro, and from Seymour Lodge, of Ancaster. The W. M. presided. The second degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. Some other work was exemplified which showed that Valley Lodge is keeping right up to date. They have a very good general attendance at the meetings, and a good bank account. The amount of outstanding dues is comparatively small, and their property is fairly well insured. They are working well for the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and altogether they are to be congratulated.

St. George Lodge, No. 243, St. George: This lodge was visited officially on Thursday, the 13th of April. I was accompanied from Hamilton by R. W. Bros. A. T. Freed and A. M. Cunningham, and W. Bro. S. F. Smith, of Waterdown Lodge. We had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Taylor, of Wilson District, and five others from Paris, and R. W. Bro. Passmore and four others from Brant Lodge, of Brantford. The W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Robinson, had his officers exemplify the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge is small and their territory is small, but they are good people and doing good Masonic work.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown: Visited this lodge on 14th April, 1905. There was a good delegation from Hamilton, as well as quite a contingent from Walker Lodge, of Acton, and St. Clair Lodge, of Milton. The W. M., W. Bro. Barber, presided at the meeting, and initiated Mr. B. O. Hooper, a son of one of our highly respected Hamilton members. The work was done extra well and the Master was complimented. The lodge room is well equipped and neatly decorated. At the after meeting the fourth degree was very attractively put on, every person taking part. The District Deputy responded to

the toast to Grand Lodge and R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid to the toast to the visitors. Speeches were made by Bros. James Hooper, John Hooper and R. C. Hooper, and V. W. Bro. Jas. Dixon. There was a good turnout of Past Masters of the lodge, and they also made some very fine speeches. Credit lodge is doing well for the Semi-Centennial Fund, and their finances are in good shape.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove: An official visit was paid to this lodge on the 18th of April. There was a fair attendance of members present and a large turnout of visitors, about nineteen from Hamilton, fifteen from Dundas, and seven from West Flamboro. The W. M. put on the second degree. The lodge is in good condition financially and otherwise. They are truly exemplifying the virtue of charity by giving to every worthy case whether Masonic or not. They have appointed a good committee to collect for the Semi-Centennial Fund. Altogether they are doing real good work for the cause of Masonry and are increasing in numbers.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford: Visited this lodge officially on May 9, 1905, accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid, W. Bro. J. Jardine, and Bro. W. Bates, of Valley Lodge, Dundas. This is quite an old established lodge in the city of Brantford and has nearly two hundred members. During the past year they have had a good attendance at their regular meetings and have added a good number to their roll. They are financially in good shape and have a live committee out working for the Semi-Centennial Fund. The work of the first degree was very impressively exemplified by the Master and his officers. A very pleasant social time was spent in the banquet room after the work was done. Many reminiscences were indulged in by the older members and visitors of Masons and Masonry of the past.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia: Officially visited on Wednesday the 17th of May, 1905. There were fourteen visitors from Hamilton and nine or ten from Seymour Lodge, of Ancaster. Enniskillen Lodge, of York, sent four or five visitors. The work of the first degree was fairly well done. The attendance of the members rather light. The lodge shows a moderate degree of progress. They report having taken hold of the Semi-Centennial Fund and will contribute their quota.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton: On Friday, the 2nd

of June, 1905, an official visit was paid to this lodge. It was the occasion of the election of officers for the incoming Masonic year. The D. D. G. M. had the pleasure of conducting the election. The brethren appeared to be very unanimous in their choice of officers, which made the work very light and agreeable. Old Barton Lodge can always do their work well. They have taken hold of the Semi-Centennial Fund and will show their love and loyalty to Grand Lodge by giving the amount required from them in a short time.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton: On Monday, the 21st of November, 1904, was Past Master's night at the Doric Lodge. The M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin Allen, paid a fraternal visit to the lodge. It was a memorable night, as the lodge celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary, and it was the first time in their history they had been honored with the presence of the Grand Master. On behalf of the lodges of the Hamilton District the Grand Master presented the D. D. G. M. with a new regalia of his office. Over two hundred and fifty brethren were present at the meeting. The Past Masters worked the second degree. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary made excellent speeches, mentioning especially the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, explaining some matters in connection therewith which had not been properly understood before. No doubt much good will result from that meeting. On Monday, the 19th of June, 1905, I paid my official visit to my mother lodge, The Doric, No. 382. Although the youngest lodge in the city, excepting the new lodge, the Dundurn, which has just been started, it was the largest gathering of any of the annual meetings. The Doric has had a very successful year, a good increase in their membership, and a substantial bank account. The work has been well done throughout the year. The lodge has taken up the matter of the Semi-Centennial Fund and will make a good showing in their contributions before Grand Lodge meets. An escort from the Godfrey de Bouillon Knights Templar was present on this occasion. They have taken a special interest in assisting me in my work throughout the year. At the request of the Master I conducted the election of the officers. A large vote was polled and the choice appeared to be very unanimous, and the prospects for the incoming year are good.

Dundurn Lodge: Acting under the instructions of the Grand Secretary, by dispensation of the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by several Past Masters of the city, I opened a new lodge, to be denominated The Dundurn Lodge. Their regular meetings will be held on the third Saturday of every month, at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton. It is more than twenty-five years since the last lodge was started in this city. Dundurn has commenced under very favorable auspices. Among their charter members they have Masons of experience, tried and true, young men full of zeal and energy. Their officers are exceptionally well chosen to build up a good lodge and adorn the Craft. W. Bro. John Hooper, W. M.; Bros. James Hooper, S. W.; John Burns, J. W., and W. Bro. G. H. Lanigan, Secretary. We may safely wish them every success.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

This most important question was endorsed by Grand Lodge at Brockville, and afterwards particularly impressed upon me by the Grand Master as his representative in this district. I have earnestly endeavored to promote this laudable undertaking and have brought the question before every lodge in the district. Wherever any misunderstanding as to the purpose of this fund, the need of it, and the way in which it is to be distributed, existed, I have made a special effort to place the matter in a clear and truthful light before the brethren. I feel assured, M. W. Sir, that my labors have not been in vain. I have found the brethren true to the fundamental truths of Masonry and loyal to the decisions of Grand Lodge. As we all realize that it is only by repeated efforts that we can establish any virtue, I feel assured that if the incoming D. D. G. M. will persistently keep this matter before the lodges that the Hamilton district will not be behind in their contributions to this fund, and if each lodge will do their duty this noble monument of gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe will be erected to be a credit to the Grand Lodge of Canada and a blessing to many of our needy brethren and their families.

CONCLUSION.

Before closing my report I must again return my thanks to the brethren who placed me in this honored position. My thanks are also due to the many brethren,

not only from the city, but from other lodges who have accompanied me on my visits throughout the district, and for their advice and assistance which has made what would have been otherwise a heavy task, a labor of love and a year of pleasure. The prospects for this district for the future are bright, the work is uniformly rendered. The brethren are kind and full of the true spirit of Masonry. During this year I have found it worth while and would pass the advice on to you to

Stop a minute and say Hello !
 As down life's road you smoothly go,
 For a pleasant word and a cheery smile
 Will shorten the road by many a mile
 For some poor brother who is going slow,
 So stop a minute and say Hello !

All of which is fraternally submitted.

FRED. WALTER, D. D. G. M.,
 Hamilton District No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in the Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.		Degrees conferred		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.							F. C.	M. M.	Regular.										Emergency.	Total.
9	The Barton	Hamilton	.....	342	6	12 18 16	3	2	1	...	6 12	7 19	30	117	60	26	\$295	90	June 26, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
27	Strict Obs.	"	.....	359	18	22 22 23	3	2	1	...	3 13	7 20	49	91	75	13	30	00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
40	St. John's.	"	.....	395	14	17 21 20	4	3	7	...	8 12	9 22	54	83	55	80	263	63	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
45	Brant	Brantford	.....	188	11	19 12 15	4	3	7	...	13	6 18	34	103	80	40	276	00	Jan'y, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
51	Harmony.	Binbrook	.....	53	2	1 2 2	1	1	...	...	12	...	16	5	00	13	62	00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
57	Acacia	Hamilton	.....	334	21	26 25 23	5	1	2	4	5 13	7 20	42	90	00	53	132	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
62	St. Andrew	Caledonia	.....	51	4	2 2 2	3	1	...	...	1 12	1 13	17	57	50	3	18	00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
66	Valley	Dundas	.....	105	7	9 4 5	1	2	3	2	13	2 15	20	51	00	2	37	50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
71	Doric	Brantford	.....	308	56	47 33 33	11	2	1	...	3 11	18 29	48	25	00	56	182	75	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
75	St. Clair	Milton	.....	94	9	8 7 6	1	2	...	...	12	4 16	21	...	...	61	124	50	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
85	Burlington	Burlington	.....	98	2	6 7 11	1	1	1	...	1 13	5 18	28	50	00	20	86	25	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
86	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	.....	130	20	20 14 16	1	...	...	...	13	9 22	35	75	00	20	45	00	Dec. 28, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
89	Credit	Georgetown	.....	86	5	5 8 12	2	2	...	...	1 14	4 18	28	38	00	4	27	04	Dec. 28, '04	Bright	Bright	Yes	Jointly
91	St. George.	St. George	.....	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
92	Seymour	Ancaster	.....	94	11	10 11 11	1	1	...	...	13	1 14	37	16	00	28	84	83	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
93	Dufferin	W. Flamboro.	.....	73	4	4 2 3	1	1	...	...	12	3 15	16	...	...	30	200	00	June 24, '05	Fair	Fair	Yes	Jointly
94	Walker	Acton	.....	49	4	3 6 5	1	4	...	...	1 13	2 15	19	...	...	5	19	50	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
95	Temple	Hamilton	.....	317	18	8 16 19	2	1	4	...	2 12	9 21	43	55	33	56	165	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
96	Waterdown	Millgrove	.....	87	12	10 6 7	2	1	...	...	2 13	5 18	18	103	00	58	180	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	No	Jointly
97	Doric	Hamilton	.....	243	21	22 20 26	5	1	4	...	2 13	4 17	54	413	30	54	158	25	Dec. 27, '04	Excellent	Bright	Yes	Jointly	
98	Oakville	Oakville	.....	130	20	2 15 15	9	4	1	...	1 13	4 17	31	35	00	29	99	00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
99	Dundurn	Hamilton	.....	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	the M. W. the Grand Master June 17, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor herewith to submit the annual report touching upon affairs Masonic in this district. With scarcely an exception the conditions are favorable, satisfactory and conducive to a personal feeling of pride in association therewith. This district is a trifle unwieldy for the D. D. G. M. to successfully visit the individual lodges, but the warmth of the welcome invariably extended fully compensates for all disadvantages. This district shows a gratifying increase numerically, and the qualifications of the new members are most satisfactory. Candidates for advancement are required to be thoroughly prepared in the necessary work. This character of work is to my mind prepared with the utmost care and fidelity. Not only the ordinary preparation is carefully gone over, but the working tools and a charge from the Constitution has been given by candidates for advancement. This is very creditable and satisfactory, and I hope the zeal and interest displayed will not be allowed to disappear.

It was my good fortune to secure the services of Rev. Brother Paul Jones, of Coronation Lodge, as District Chaplain, and Bro. T. W. Robbins, of Orillia, as District Secretary, both of whom have performed the duties most faithfully and are entitled to the commendation of the brethren of the district.

The older lodges are all in excellent condition with possibly one exception. The new lodges are doing splendid work, and the interest taken does not appear to be merely spasmodic, but healthy and vigorous. Every lodge in the district has been visited officially during my term of office. Two of them have received three visits and several of them twice.

The Semi-Centennial Fund is in very good shape at present. I am only sorry that it has not received the

unanimous support of every individual brother of the district. From the first of next year this fund will be increased more rapidly, as several lodges have for this purpose increased the amount of annual dues to be paid on or before December 27, 1905. Correspondence for the year has been very heavy owing largely to matters connected with the semi-centennial year.

Two lodges received visits from me at emergency meetings, not because of any request from me, but to better suit the convenience of brethren. Following is a detailed report of visits throughout the district:

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene: This lodge was visited on the occasion of the regular meeting on October 6. Like my immediate predecessors, I visited Georgian Lodge first, not because of my desire to inflict first visits permanently upon our Penetanguishene brethren, but because an early date happens to suit them. I was introduced to the lodge by W. Bros. Wright and Martin and welcomed most warmly by the W. M., W. Bro. W. H. Hewson. This lodge is particularly fortunate in having the loyal support of several Past Masters, who retain sufficient interest to keep in close touch with the work of the lodge. The first degree was conferred in an admirable manner by W. Bro. Hewson, the second equally well by W. Bro. Kenny, ably assisted by W. Bros. Breed and Martin. The work was splendidly exemplified, all the charges being given in a manner calculated to convey to the candidate the impressive and beautiful features of our work. The financial condition of the lodge is good and the books are well kept. The future prospects are very bright. The presence of P. D. D. G. M. Dr. Raikes, of Midland, and his eloquent and timely remarks added materially to the pleasure of the evening. After the lodge work was completed a banquet was enjoyed at the Canada House, followed by a brief but excellent musical program by the brethren of the lodge, interspersed by the customary toasts.

Coronation Lodge, No. 466, Elmvalle: I had the pleasure of visiting this young and prosperous lodge on the evening of October 7th as the official representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.. The lodge rooms are comfortable, commodious, and tastefully furnished. The books are well kept, the finances in good shape, and future prospects are very bright. The first

degree was conferred upon two candidates in a very creditable manner by the W. M., W. Bro. W. B. Lent. The work of the subordinate officers was also deserving of mention. The interest shown by all the brethren is of a very decided character. The candidates for advancement are all required to be thoroughly grounded in the work of preceding degrees. Great credit is due the W. M. for the zeal and energy he has displayed, and I have no doubt the officers who are eligible to succeed him will maintain the present efficient standard. On November 11 Coronation Lodge was constituted and consecrated, many of the prominent members of the Craft in this vicinity assisting. The attendance was very large and the impressive ceremonies were attentively followed throughout. After the ceremonies in the lodge room were completed the members of Coronation lodge gave a capital illustration of how the fourth degree should be worked. After enjoying a splendid banquet some excellent speeches were enjoyed and a short musical program. R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan gave me the benefit of his experience and valuable assistance during the ceremonies of the evening and contributed materially to the success of the banquet from a musical standpoint also by an excellent speech. Other distinguished brethren present and assisting were R. W. Bros. Raikes, Sanders and Cowan, W. Bros. Wright and Hewson, Pentanguishene; Montgomery, Rev. Dr. Whitten and Marr, of Barrie; Fraleigh, Midland; Brown, Victoria Harbor, and Bro. Alfred Wilkes, Barrie. To these brethren and other visitors of the evening much of the success is due, and it is with pleasure that I make this acknowledgment thanking them for valuable assistance.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: On December 2 I had the pleasure of visiting for the first time this lodge. My reception was most cordial. Bro. Babe was occupying the chair as W. M. for the last time, as the election of officers had occurred prior to my admission to the lodge, and Bro. Campbell, the S. W., had been elected to the east. W. Bro. Babe conferred the first degree in a very able manner, his excellent enunciation being particularly noticeable. The work of the subordinate officers was satisfactory in every detail, and from the able manner in which Bro. Campbell performed his duties as Senior Warden I am sure he will be a credit to the chair of King

Solomon. The lodge books and finances are in good shape and quarters well furnished and commodious. Later in the evening I was royally entertained by the brethren of the lodge and enjoyed a fine repast, followed by a short toast list. W. Bro. Douglas, one of the oldest members of the lodge, contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by a song and an excellent recitation.

Victoria Lodge, U. D., Victoria Harbor: This lodge was visited on the evening of December 6. The lodge rooms are small but very comfortably and tastefully furnished, showing very plainly the painstaking care which has been exercised by the brethren in beautifying their fraternal home. The books are excellently kept, the finances good, and future prospects are decidedly bright. Parts of the furniture and working tools were made by members of the lodge and are to say the least very creditable. The W. M., W. Bro. Brown, worked the first and second degrees in a most commendable manner, showing a complete mastery of the work. He was ably assisted by the two Wardens, both doing excellent work, and by the subordinate officers. I was introduced to the lodge by V. W. Bro. Hayden and W. Bro. Sheppard. The attendance was very large, including R. W. Bro. Raikes and about fifteen brethren from Midland. After the lodge room ceremonies the brethren adjourned to the hotel and enjoyed a splendid banquet, after which a pleasant hour was spent in listening to the remarks of the brethren present.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie, was visited on January 16. I had expected a creditable exemplification of the work and I was in no wise disappointed. One candidate was initiated and the work of the W. M., W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Witten, was above criticism, his delivery and enunciation being simply perfect. He received perfect support from the subordinate officers, and the large number of brethren present had the pleasure of seeing the first degree presented in a clear and comprehensive manner. It would be easy to particularize, but where all the work was so excellent it is unnecessary. R. W. Bro. Morgan was unable to be present, much to the regret of all. He was, however, kindly remembered on several different occasions throughout the evening. The customary banquet was served at the close of the lodge room work, and a feature of the toast list was one which was drunk to the

absent honored brother, R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan. Many of the brethren of Corinthian Lodge were present and contributed freely to the success of the evening. Bro. Pearce, of Orillia, assisted most acceptably in the musical portion and received the hearty thanks of the W. M. Others present were W. Bros. Green and Black, of Minerva Lodge; Bro. Carson, of Spokane Lodge; Bro. Bell, Coronation Lodge, and Bro. Partridge, of Santa Luta Lodge, Alberta.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, was visited on the evening of February 13. I was met at the station by W. Bro. McDonald, the W. M. of the lodge. The weather was severe in the extreme, and the attendance was not quite so large as otherwise would have been the case. The lodge room is nicely furnished and conveniently located. One candidate was initiated in a very satisfactory manner by the W. M., and he was well supported by his subordinate officers. The books were splendidly kept and finances in a satisfactory condition. While the future growth of this lodge will not be rapid the qualifications of the brethren are exceptionally good. After the work in the lodge room I enjoyed a dainty little supper most thoroughly, after which came the customary toasts and very eloquent remarks from the W. M. and W. Bro. Crystal, W. Bro. Bell and others.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, was visited on February 17. On the festival anniversary of St. John the Baptist I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the lodge, and from my experience had anticipated an evening of pleasure and profit. In this I was not disappointed. The members of the lodge comprise the most influential men in the community and would be a credit to any lodge. My predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Hammill, welcomed me and gave me a cordial introduction to the W. M., officers and brethren in lodge assembled. The W. M., W. Bro. R. F. White, raised a Fellowcraft brother to the rank of Master Mason in a most able and impressive manner, ably assisted by a most efficient corps of subordinate officers, every officer showing a most commendable knowledge of the work and most careful drilling of the details of floor work. The ballot was also taken upon an applicant for admission, and the good work of the Senior Deacon in this respect was noticeable. The lodge is in splendid shape and has excellent quarters, which

have been partly refurnished recently. Books are well kept and future prospects are excellent. After the lodge was closed the ladies were admitted to the banquet and a very fine musical program followed. I also visited this lodge at a later date, on the occasion of the annual Past Masters' night, when I had the pleasure of seeing some of the best work of my official year. Pythagoras lodge is certainly to be congratulated upon having so many Past Masters who take an active interest in the work. Space will not permit specific mention of those assisting, although the character of the work well deserved it.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, was visited on February 22nd, and was one of the memorable visits of the year. I was met at the station by the W. M., W. Bro. Johnson, and R. W. Bro. Toner and given a hearty welcome. My reception in the lodge room was also very cordial and the attendance large. Among the distinguished brethren present were R. W. Bros. Toner and Nettleton, and V. W. Bro. Rev. Mr. Mussen, Past Grand Chaplain. The lodge rooms are the largest in the district and well furnished. The books are admirably kept and the Secretary shows a perfect knowledge of his duties and thorough interest in his work. W. Bro. Johnson initiated a candidate to the mysteries of Freemasonry in a most impressive manner, the obligation being exceptionally fine. The subordinate officers gave him perfect support in every detail. Taken as a whole it was one of the best initiatory degrees I have seen in a year which has been almost remarkable for the character of work exemplified. After the lodge room ceremonies we enjoyed a substantial repast, followed by a short program consisting of speeches, songs and stories. A very pleasant feature was a recitation in dialect by the W. M., W. Bro. Johnson. The lodge is to be congratulated upon having such a commodious lodge room and magnificent banquet room in connection therewith fully equipped. This is not to be wondered at when the efficient tutelage to which the officers of Manito lodge have been subjected is taken into consideration, with so many brethren who have been honored so signally by the fraternity, the brethren of Manito lodge enjoy exceptional opportunities of which they take full advantage. The lodge is in a very comfortable position financially and has most excellent future prospects.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, was visited on the 27th of Feb-

ruary. This lodge being the oldest in the district is most naturally expected to present good work, and they faithfully fulfil expectations. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Orton and W. Bro. Ogilvie, and received a cordial welcome from the W. M., W. Bro. Green. One candidate was initiated and a brother advanced to the Fellowcraft degree in a very able manner. Where the work is universally good it is useless to attempt to specifically enumerate the different points. It is sufficient to say that the W. M. most capably performed his duties, and his efforts were ably seconded by every subordinate officer. He was also assisted most acceptably by Immediate Past Master Foncar. The charge from the Book of Constitution was splendidly given by the Junior Warden, Bro. E. A. Collings. The lodge rooms are small but prettily furnished and show evidences of careful attention. The charter of this lodge has been through two fires, and is an object of great interest to visitors and to which the brethren of the lodge are deeply attached. The Secretary, W. Bro. Scanlon, is unquestionably one of the best officers in the district, and is a willing and tireless worker for the fraternity. The lodge finances are in good shape and future prospects good. The usual banquet was tendered and thoroughly enjoyed, I am sure, by every brother present. Speeches and songs marked the close of a very pleasant evening.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, was visited on the evening of March 2nd. Here again I expected nothing but the best of work, and experience amply justified my expectations. My reception by the W. M., W. Bro. Shrubsole, and the brethren present was flattering in the extreme. One candidate for the honors of a Master Mason was raised to that sublime degree, and the work admits of no criticism. The obligation by the W. M. was very impressively given. Every part of the evening's ceremonies showed conclusively that the W. M. was thoroughly conversant with the work. He was splendidly supported by the Wardens, and the floor work of the subordinate officers was perfectly performed. The attendance was good and the work received the careful attention of those present. Lodge books are well kept under the care of an efficient secretary and finances in excellent condition. Keer and Corinthian lodges meet in the same lodge room, and it is commodious and well equipped. A banquet was

served most acceptably at the close of the lodge room ceremonies. Following this a very pleasant hour was spent socially, and a number of good speeches were made by W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Witten, W. Bro. Marr, V. W. Bro. Wesley, W. Bro. Shrubsole, V. W. Bro. Hallett and others. A very good musical program was a feature.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, was visited March 14th, and the same excellent character of work which had been my experience thus far was maintained. I was graciously presented to the W. M., R. W. Bro. Dr. Kent, and the brethren present by W. Bros. Dickinson and Pye and cordially received. The lodge room is commodious and comfortable and well fitted throughout. A special feature is the large number of pictures of Grand Lodge officers, past and present, which adorn the walls. The lodge is indebted, I believe, to W. Bro. Dickinson for his care and forethought in this matter. R. W. Bro. Dr. Kent worked a third degree to the satisfaction, I am sure, of every brother present, and he was most efficiently supported by the other officers of the lodge. It is greatly to the credit of R. W. Bro. Kent that he consented to again assume the duties of the Worshipful Master's chair. The brethren of the lodge are certainly to be congratulated. W. Bros. Pye, Pedwell and Rodgers also take great interest in the work of the lodge. The books kept by that tried veteran, W. Bro. Dickinson, are models of neatness, and the finances are all that could be desired. The customary banquet and toast list brought to a close a very pleasant evening. I am also indebted to the brethren of Beaver Lodge for a very pleasant evening on the occasion of their annual at-home and musicale, which was one of the most pleasant gatherings of its kind I have ever had the pleasure of attending.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, were jointly visited on March 15. On this visit I was accompanied by several brethren from Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford. The attendance was very large indeed, and I was received most cordially by the brethren of the two sister lodges. After ordinary routine business had been transacted W. Bro. Harry Wright, the W. M. of North Star Lodge, assumed the gavel and worked the first degree in a most creditable manner. He was supported by his subordinates most acceptably, and this degree, taken as a whole, was one of the best I have seen.

W. Bro. McKenzie, the W. M. of St. George's Lodge, resumed his chair and conferred a third degree in a manner equally as impressive as that in which the first was conferred. His support was also of the highest order. I shall not particularize, but simply say that the work of the officers of both lodges was commendable in the highest degree. Convincing proof of this fact was given in the strict attention paid to the work notwithstanding the somewhat crowded condition of the lodge room. The books of both lodges are well kept and finances quite satisfactory. The lodge rooms were about to be remodeled, and when completed they will be exceptionally fine accommodations. Masonic conditions in Owen Sound are upon a broad fraternal basis, and future prospects would appear very bright. A fine banquet was enjoyed in the banquet room connected with the lodge, followed by a fine musical program interspersed with some excellent speeches. The customary toasts having been honored, and the musical program brought to a close the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," ended a very pleasant fraternal visit.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, my mother lodge, was visited on March 17. Delegations from Midland and Barrie were present and the attendance was very large. Having had a hand in the furnishing of the lodge room I do not care to say too much about it. However, we think we are very well provided for in the matter of lodge furnishings and other paraphernalia. The financial condition of the lodge is most encouraging and future prospects are all that could be desired. The W. M., W. Bro. Rapley, initiated one candidate into the mysteries of Masonry in a commendable manner and received the highest praise from the visiting brethren present. His knowledge of the three degrees is complete and thorough in every detail. The charge from the Book of Constitution was given by W. Bro. Calverley most impressively. The W. M. of Orillia Lodge is fortunate in having two very capable Wardens to assist in the work. They are capable, painstaking and efficient. The other subordinate officers are equally deserving of praise. That the books are well kept by a most faithful and obliging Secretary is the universal testimony of the brethren of Orillia lodge. In working the fourth degree the fame of Orillia lodge is more than local, and the record of the evening fully main-

tained previous standards. The repast was elaborate, and was followed by a fine musical program interspersed with speeches and stories. A very pleasant feature of this part of the program was the presentation by Bro. D. L. White, Jr., of Midland, to Orillia Lodge, of a silver mounted gavel, suitably inscribed, made of marble taken from the ancient quarry of King Solomon. The visiting brethren contributed materially to the pleasure of the evening, and I am sorry not to be able to specifically enumerate the brethren, but space will not permit.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, was visited on March 21st. The absence of W. Bro. Mackay was a matter of personal regret and a disappointment to the brethren present. His work in this lodge has been an inspiration to the lodge which was shown in the work of the evening. The lodge furnishings are neat and appropriate. The W. M., W. Bro. Griffiths, worked a first degree most creditably, showing a perfect knowledge of his work. Bro. Sissons, the Senior Warden, was equally proficient in his work. In fact, all the officers acquitted themselves most creditably, which was more to be admired and commended because of the very few opportunities which the officers had to practice the work. The W. M. had unexpectedly removed to Toronto just after installment, and came up specially for this meeting. The books are well kept and finances good. After a nice supper a very pleasant social hour was spent, bringing to a close a pleasant and I trust a profitable evening.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, was visited April 14th. During the afternoon I had the pleasure of calling upon W. Bro. Blackburn, the honored Secretary of the lodge, who has been an invalid for many years. The loving kindness which W. Bro. Blackburn has received at the hands of his brethren is a living testimonial to the fraternity in Flesherton, and one which the afflicted brother never fails to mention most feelingly when talking to members of the Craft. My brief talk with him was certainly one of the pleasantest episodes in a very pleasant year. I was gracefully introduced to the brethren by W. Bros. VanDusen and Sproule and cordially received. The W. M., W. Bro. Wright, passed an Entered Apprentice to the Fellowcraft degree in a manner perfectly satisfactory. The degree work was delivered in a very clear and concise manner, with splendid emphasis and enuncia-

tion. The W. M. was supported by a splendid corps of officers, all of whom performed their duties admirably. The attendance was good, and the whole evening's ceremonies were apparently much enjoyed by those present. Finances and lodge books are in excellent shape. The banquet was served in a room adjoining the lodge and was perfect in detail. The ladies who prepared this bounteous repast most thoroughly deserved the hearty vote of thanks which was tendered. A pleasant social hour brought to a close a very enjoyable day and evening.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, was visited on April 17th. I was accompanied to Midland by about thirty members of Orillia lodge and brethren from Penetang, Elmvale and Victoria Harbor were also present, so that the total attendance taxed the capacity of Caledonian's spacious lodge room. R. W. Bro. Raikes performed the introductory ceremony, accompanying it with a very graceful little speech, and the hearty reception was most gratifying. The W. M., W. Bro. Finlayson, welcomed me most cordially, and in every detail of the evening proved himself a most efficient presiding officer. The lodge was very pleasantly entertained by the interesting remarks of W. Bro. Fagar Shidle, of Pittsburg, Pa., who explained some of the differences in the manner of working degrees in Ontario and Pennsylvania. W. Bro. Finlayson then proceeded to confer the initiatory degree upon a most excellent candidate. His work was beautifully done, the delivery and enunciation being well nigh perfection. Caledonian lodge is to be congratulated upon having a Master of such brilliant and conspicuous ability. He was assisted by the subordinate officers most satisfactorily, and I am sorry that I am not able to give to each and every one the tribute of praise which is justly his due. The lodge room is beautifully furnished, books well kept, finances good and future prospects of the brightest. The banquet was an event which will long be remembered by those present. Sumptuous in itself, and followed by a really splendid musical program as varied as it was excellent. As toastmaster W. Bro. Finlayson was faultless, and many were the complimentary notices he received from speakers. The occasion will always have a special significance for me because the W. M., in behalf of Caledonian lodge, presented me with a signet ring, which will always be treasured for its happy associations. Capital

speeches were made by R. W. Bro. Raikes, W. Bros. Lent, Sheppard, Shidle, Jory, Wright and others. W. Bros. Robinson, of Penetang; Rapley, Alport and Cook, of Orillia, assisted the Midland brethren in the musical entertainment. It was one of the pleasantest fraternal evenings it has ever been my good fortune to enjoy.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, was visited April 18. This lodge is not blessed with a large membership, but has a very comfortable lodge room and is in fair condition financially. Stayner is a bright lively town, and I could not understand the low membership of the lodge. However, it is to be hoped that the future history of the lodge will prove entirely satisfactory and the brethren will work harmoniously and fraternally for the best interests of the Craft irrespective of numbers in membership. I was introduced to the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Jakeway, by R. W. Bro. Saunders in a neat little speech, and was cordially welcomed. After the consideration of routine work the W. M. raised a candidate for advancement to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. His work was most excellently done. Indeed, from a dramatic point of view, I have never heard it excelled in my Masonic experience. He was splendidly assisted by the Wardens, both of whom performed perfect work. The other officers were quite efficient in their respective duties. W. Bro. Bell and Bros. Cooper, Harshaw and Kemble were present from Nitetis Lodge, Creemore. The lodge books are well kept by W. Bro. Bethune, who actively interests himself in all lodge matters. The financial condition of the lodge is fair. A nice banquet and social hour brought to a close a very enjoyable official visitation.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston, was visited April 19. Here I had a very enjoyable visit indeed. The ceremony of introduction was agreeably performed by V. W. Bro. Wright and W. Bro. Hipwell. The W. M., W. Bro. Gallagher, was absent in Manitoba, but the Master's chair was acceptably filled by the Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Hutchinson. The attendance was very good indeed, and the interest shown of a decided character. W. Bro. Hutchinson conferred a first degree splendidly, and at its close was deservedly congratulated on all sides. For able assistance he is indebted to Bros. H. Norris, S. W., and Bro. Wallace, J. W., both of whom showed a thorough knowledge of the work of their respective

chairs. He was also well supported by the other officers. The books are well kept and finances exceptionally good, the lodge owning its own comfortable and commodious building, and the rooms are nicely furnished and conveniently arranged. A very nice supper and brief social program brought to a close an evening of exceptional pleasure, and the brethren of Seven Star Lodge are to be congratulated upon the future prospects of the lodge.

Tottenham Lodge, U. D., at Tottenham, was visited April 21st. They have a very pretty lodge room, centrally located and beautifully furnished for a new lodge, and the best part of it is everything is paid for and the lodge is not in debt. My reception was very flattering, and the attendance was large, including a goodly representation from Spry Lodge, Beeton. The work of W. Bro. McCabe, the W. M., was good, his knowledge of the work, in fact, was quite perfect. He initiated two candidates in a most satisfactory manner. The Senior Warden was absent, but his place was capably filled by the Secretary, Bro. Potter, who in addition to being a model Secretary has an excellent knowledge of the work in general. The other officers filled their respective stations creditably, and all in all the ceremonies were a decided success and showed careful preparation. The banquet served in the adjoining room was equally successful and thoroughly enjoyed. The prospects of the lodge are certainly good. Some excellent speeches by V. W. Bro. Crystal, W. Bros. McDonald and Chapin, of Beeton, and others marked the close of a pleasant evening.

Nitetic Lodge, No. 444, Creemore, was visited April 25th. My reception here was cordial in the extreme. The lodge room is just newly furnished and is complete in every detail, and compares favorably with any in the district, being large and well furnished. The books are well kept and finances in excellent condition. The Senior Warden was absent owing to illness in the family, and W. Bro. Hood capably filled the chair in the west. W. Bro. Bell, the W. M., conferred a third degree in a most impressive and dignified manner. His work was deserving of the many commendations it received. He was ably assisted by the other officers. In short, nothing in the nature of a criticism could be justly offered on the work presented during the evening. A supper followed which was thoroughly enjoyed. Remarks were made

by W. Bro. Ellis, Bros. Norris and Norton, of Alliston; Bro. Lount, of Peterboro, and W. Bros. Bell, Nidderie and Hood, of Nitetis Lodge. The Junior Warden's toast ended a pleasant fraternal event.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud, was visited May 16. This lodge is certainly a credit to the district. The work is presented in a manner calculated to impress even the casual observer. The rooms are somewhat small in size, but comfortably furnished. The books are well kept and the finances excellent. W. Bro. Green, the Master of the lodge, initiated one candidate in a most able and impressive manner. Another first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Anson Black. Where both were good to a superlative degree comparisons are unnecessary. The Wardens both showed a thorough knowledge of their duties, and the same is true of the other officers. The attendance from Barrie was large, and the evening's ceremonies in the lodge room were thoroughly appreciated. The character of the work performed here speaks eloquently for itself. The banquet was prepared and served by the good ladies connected with the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, and the after-dinner festivities were enlivened by their presence. No better banquet could be desired and no more pleasant social hour experienced than was enjoyed by the brethren on this occasion. Those who contributed to the success of the evening were deserving of the hearty thanks of all present. The evening with Minerva will ever be a pleasant memory.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, was visited May 17. The lodge room is very commodious and well furnished. The attendance, however, was small. As the expected candidate did not materialize a volunteer was utilized for the purpose of exemplifying the first degree. The work as presented showed lack of practice, that smoothness which is so essential to good work was absent. I have no doubt, however, that this will be rectified at once. Circumstances have been such that practices have been nearly impossible. The W. M., W. Bro. Roseborough, and his two Wardens are capable and anxious to do the work well, so that better things may be expected in the future. The Treasurer's books are not properly kept, but that also I was assured would be remedied at once. My visit was pleasant, and at a supper after lodge meeting I was

royally entertained. W. Bro. VanDusen has my thanks for his efforts in connection with my visit.

In closing I desire to thank the brethren of the district for the high honor they have conferred upon me and the many courtesies I have received at their hands. I sincerely trust that the past year's record may at least reflect no discredit upon him whom you named to represent the M. W. the Grand Master in Georgian District No. 9.

E. A. WAKEFIELD, D. D. G. M.,
Georgian District No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Membership.		Degrees conf'd		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspen- sions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Mem- bership.	Degrees conf'd	E. A.	F. C.		M. M.																					
									Increase during year.	Decrease during year.																			
88	St. George's	Owen Sound...	149	6	8	5	9	1			5	1	4	...	4 14	7 21	35	\$50 00	12	\$ 110 00	Dec. 27, '04	AI	Good	Yes	\$ 600 00				
89	Manito	Collingwood ...	160	8	1	7	9	4	2	...	3 7	...	2 13	7 20	30	40 00	48	291 95	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	291 95	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	800 00			
90	Corinthian	Barrie ...	166	...	...	9	7	8	2	...	...	...	...	11 12	27	20 00	17	172 00	Jan. 6, '05	Good	Yes	172 00	Jan. 6, '05	Good	Yes	...
92	Orillia.	Orillia ...	137	12	...	9	6	11	5	6	...	...	...	11 21	32	20 00	47	268 00	June 29, '05	Good	Yes	268 00	June 29, '05	Good	Yes	1500 00
930	Kerr.	Barrie ...	109	6	...	6	4	3	...	3	...	...	...	11 31	22	25 00	23	110 00	June, 1904	Good	Yes	110 00	June, 1904	Good	Yes	1250 00
934	Beaver	Clarksburg ...	71	5	1	5	2	1	...	...	...	...	1 12	1 13	19	20 00	5	25 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	25 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	300 00
936	Manitoba.	Cookstown ...	58	8	...	8	6	7	...	...	...	...	12 21	21	...	...	...	...	1904	Fair	Yes	...	Feb. 27, '05	Fair	Yes	300 00
985	Seven Star	Alliston ...	68	6	2	4	6	1	...	...	1	...	1 13	21	15 18	...	...	...	1904	Good	Yes	...	1904	Good	Yes	250 00
1004	Minerva.	Stroud ...	54	9	...	8	9	6	1	...	...	...	13 21	23	...	6 00	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	600 00
1222	North Star	Owen Sound...	143	15	...	7	7	10	8	1	...	...	1 15	8	23 30	25 00	47	228 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	228 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	150 00	
1333	Pr. Arthur	Flesherton ...	52	3	4	3	5	6	...	3	1 12	1 13	16	60 00	13	108 00	June 24, '04	Good	Yes	108 00	June 24, '04	Good	Yes	500 00		
1385	Spry.	Beeton ...	62	5	3	5	4	4	...	3	1 13	14	17	10 00	6	20 00	Jan. 6, '05	Fair	Yes	20 00	Jan. 6, '05	Fair	Yes	250 00		
1449	Dundalk	Dundalk ...	34	6	...	6	4	2	12 11	13	12	10 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	10 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	400 00		
1446	Coronation	Elmvale ...	42	16	...	14	10	7	2	11 10	21	20	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	350 00		
U D	Victoria.	Victoria Harbor ...	45	29	...	26	23	20	3	...	...	...	13 9	22	22	45 50	...	...	...	...	14 42	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	350 00	
U D	Tottenham	Tottenham ...	32	20	...	14	12	10	6	...	...	...	13 2	15	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	75 00	

NIAGARA DISTRICT NO. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry during the past year in Niagara District No. 10, and in doing so permit me first to thank the brethren for the honor conferred and confidence reposed in electing me to the important office of D. D. G. M., and also for the courtesy, kindness and hospitality with which the officers and brethren of the various lodges throughout the historic jurisdiction of Niagara have invariably received me on my official visits.

I have visited each lodge once, and am pleased to report that without exception every lodge has enjoyed a prosperous year; even weak lodges situated in unprogressive or retrograde places have taken on new life in matters Masonic and have increased not only in membership but also in enthusiasm and zeal. The esoteric work has gained in uniformity and accuracy, but it is not perfect in every detail. For example, the candidates are not in many cases sufficiently drilled and grounded in their obligations, especially that of the third degree. Nor do they subsequently undergo any examination of this degree. But above all, they know but little about the connection and harmony of the various degrees, the meaning of any portions which are at all obscure, and they are ignorant in too many instances of the Symbolism of the royal art. These serious defects should be removed by proper discipline and frequent talks and essays upon the symbolism of the ritual. This attained, lodges should then strive to make the work impressive by paying attention to its elocutionary side. I am delighted to say that the musical service is growing in a number of the lodges. It imparts a marked degree of interest and color to the meetings. The active connection of the brethren cannot be expected to be retained unless the lodges seek to culti-

vate the social side of our institution as well as its nobler aspects.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Despite the many urgent appeals by Grand Lodge, as well as by myself, to the brethren of Niagara District, I regret that the response to these has not been what it should be. Two lodges, however, have done splendid work—McNab, Port Colborne, and Copestone, Welland. Every member of the former, owing to the efforts of its Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Mathews, has paid the requisite amount. Why should not every Master have his lodge do likewise? It seems to me that the brethren should seize the opportunity presented by this very commendable enterprise of keeping up the traditions of the Order and justifying its lofty aims and noble aspirations.

I regret my inability to have a Lodge of Instruction, most of the lodges fearing, needlessly, the expense to be incurred. But as each lodge has had abundant practice during the year its absence has not been very keenly felt. Moreover, fraternal visits between lodges—a fair substitute for it—have been encouraged and have frequently taken place. They have been the means of producing uniformity and perfection in the work, and of engendering a social and fraternal spirit among the brethren.

I have received amended by-laws from Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold; Niagara Lodge, No. 2, and St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga, and forwarded them to the Grand Master for his confirmation.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations for the purpose of attending divine service clothed as Masons were granted to the following lodges: Clifton Lodge, No. 254; Mountain Lodge, No. 221; Amity Lodge, No. 32; Copestone Lodge, No. 373.

DEATHS.

I am called on to record the death of the following brethren: Bro. Thos. Ward, Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls, died October 25, 1904; Bro. James Barney, April 20, 1905; Bro. Thos. Jackson, Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg, December 21, 1904; Bro. Robert S. Ness, Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines, September 14, 1904; Bro. James H. Bessey, Maple Leaf Lodge, No.

103, St. Catharines, March 2, 1905; Bro. Robert Laurie, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines, June 2, 1905; Bro. Alfred H. McLeod, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South, May 8, 1905; Bro. Geo. W. Woodruff, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South, February 10, 1905; Jehul Gallagher, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South, August 5, 1905; V. W. Bro. W. W. Brand, Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville, November 30, 1904; W. Bro. George Collins, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South, September 11, 1904; W. Bro. John A. Marquis, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines, February 13, 1905; W. Bro. William H. Bell, Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson, July 5, 1905; W. Bro. Dr. David Thompson, St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga, February 19, 1905.

VISITS.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg: My first official visit was paid to this lodge on September 27, 1904, at a regular meeting. The lodge was opened promptly on time, and the attendance, despite the warmth of the evening, increased from 30 at the opening to 70 at the closing, a large number of visiting brethren being present from Occidental and other lodges of Buffalo. There were also brethren present from St. Thomas and Beamsville. I was honored and delighted to have with me R. W. Bros. Simpson and Hurrell, P. D. D. G. M's, who by their wise suggestions and appropriate speeches contributed much to make the meeting successful and profitable. V. W. Bro. T. J. Wilbie, an enthusiastic and zealous craftsman, was present and assisted in the work. The Fellowcraft degree was accurately and impressively rendered by W. Bro. F. T. Pattison and his two Wardens, Bros. S. D. Ramey and C. Gilbert. Palmer lodge is in every respect in a very flourishing state. Its membership is being increased by good material, its finances are becoming quite strong, and a splendid Masonic spirit exists. The present quarters are inadequate for its increasing membership, and the brethren of Palmer are preparing to erect a building suitable to their growing needs. The dues are kept well paid. This gratifying feature is largely due to the painstaking efforts of W. Bro. Watts, than whom there is no better Secretary in Niagara District. At the close of the lodge a banquet was held in the adjoining

room and celebrated with much enthusiasm. The speeches were of a high order, all sounding the merits of Masonry and intended to promote its principles. Much fellowship prevailed.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie: Visited this lodge officially December 19, 1904. As there was no work the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well. The officers require that confidence and accuracy of work which come from frequent rehearsals. W. Bro. Crawford is an enthusiastic Mason, and with his ambitious staff of officers should do good work. I was pleased to note W. Bros. Henry, Green and Walton were keeping up close connection with their lodge and giving it the benefit of their experience. Seymour lodge is in a prosperous state, membership and finances growing apace, dues well paid. As an evidence of its prosperity the lodge room, at considerable expense, has been newly papered, painted and appointed. It now presents an attractive appearance. The prospects of this lodge are becoming brighter, and it is a vital force in disseminating true Masonic principles.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara: Paid my official visit to, Niagara Lodge, No. 2, on November 16, and was very cordially welcomed by W. Bros. Bottomly, Anderson and Brown. The work of the evening was an exemplification of the Master Mason's degree, which was accurately rendered by W. Bro. Brown, assisted by his Wardens, but, owing to the absence of the elocutionary effort lacked in impressiveness. The steps as part of the signs were somewhat overlooked, and a few other minor points, making for uniformity were being neglected. In the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. St. John, W. Bro. G. W. Brown, I. P. M., was in the east. I regretted very much the absence of W. Bro. St. John. This lodge, however, is experiencing a forward movement. It has made its home (which it owns) attractive by recent improvements and repairs. New regalia has been purchased and a modern electrical system has been installed. The average attendance is fair, though on my visit it was not representative. The dues are much better paid, an effort having been made successfully to collect arrears and to bring back suspended members. This lodge has the advantage of having a good number of P. M's, who keep up a close connection with the lodge. W.

Bros. Knox and Bottomly are ardent Masons, and have done much to put new life in Masonic matters and concerns of this very ancient lodge. A banquet was held and a sociable and profitable time was spent. The prospects of this lodge are growing brighter.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines: I visited this lodge on the evening of Tuesday, December 20, 1904. Three M.M. degrees were exemplified by W. Bro. Harris, assisted by W. Bro. Maclaren. This is too much work for one meeting, especially on the occasion of a D. D. G. M's official visit. The lodge was not opened promptly on time as some of the officers were not present. This is a reprehensible practice and militates against attendance and interest. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren of the city and neighboring lodges. Among these were R. W. Bros. Robertson, of Temple Lodge, and Johnston, of Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, who introduced me in a truly Masonic manner. W. Bro B. J. Leubsdorf, of Maple Leaf, was present. This brother is a distinguished Mason and a skilled ritualist. I was delighted to note that the lodge room, owing to the conjoint action of the three city lodges, had been splendidly renovated and improved at no inconsiderable expense. It now has the attractiveness and status of a city lodge. That so much effort and expense have been exerted by the brethren of St. Catharines to beautify and adorn their Masonic home attests the unanimity and harmony that prevails among them. The work was only fairly well done; it lacked in several points uniformity, which I pointed out. No doubt W. Bro. Harris and his Wardens will improve with experience. The candidates were particularly bright, but were not tested thoroughly as to their knowledge of former degrees, for example were not required to give their obligations. W. M's should insist on each and every candidate knowing his obligation before advance, then there will be no necessity for vouching for brethren on their fraternal visits. A banquet was held in an adjoining room. It was enacted in an enthusiastic way, splendid menu, inspiring and appropriate speeches, abundant fellowship.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: Visited January 27, 1905. Attendance large. A good number were present from Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek, and from Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby. I was pleased once

more to meet one of my predecessors in office, R. W. Bro. Simpson. V. W. Bro. Ritchie was also present, and as usual took a prominent part in the proceedings. The work was the installation of officers. After this W. Bro. Kerr and His Wardens closed down the lodge in the three degrees without difficulty. These officers will do good work. This lodge is one of the most progressive in the district. Membership large and growing, finances sound, Masonic spirit vigorous and buoyant. The lodge room is commodious and well furnished; it presents an attractive appearance. There is one thing wanted to make it complete, and that is music. This should be an essential part of the ritual of every progressive lodge. The dues are fairly well paid. W. Bro. Meyers is an efficient Secretary. This lodge has done something for the Semi-Centennial Fund, but can do more. A sumptuous banquet was held in the lodge room. Splendid evening speeches and singing, story telling and speech making.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls: Visited at a regular meeting January 5, 1905. I was accompanied by 50 brethren from Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold, who had been invited by their Clifton brethren to exemplify the third degree. It was done in a faultless manner. Clifton Lodge opened and closed in the first and second degrees in an accurate and careful way. W. Bro. Griffiths and his two Wardens, Bros. Carter and Herri-men, are good workers. Bro. Gray is a painstaking Secretary. Despite his efforts the arrears of dues is too great. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, taxing, in fact, the capacity of the lodge room. Many brethren were present from Niagara District, from Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Buffalo. These fraternal visits of lodges to exemplify the ritual are productive of much good, and are practical substitutes for Lodges of Instruction, reaching, as they do, a constituency denied the latter. I was pleased to observe the marked improvements made in the lodge room. The appointments are splendid and modern, the electric lighting perfect. The Sacred Symbol, however, is not fittingly fixed to the ceiling. There is no musical instrument, and music is not made a part of the ceremony. This lodge has now concurrent jurisdiction with St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South since the Falls has reached the status of a city. Both lodges are growing rapidly in numbers. Clifton

lodge is called upon to meet many charitable demands owing to its border situation. St. Mark's should share in these.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson: Visited this lodge January 17 in company with W. Bro. R. Hoover, of Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold. W. Bro. Hoover is a very zealous Mason and expert worker, in fact, a sachem. There being no work the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by W. Bro. Biggar, assisted by his two Wardens, in a fairly creditable manner. Some errors as to the arrangement of the lights and the steps were pointed out and corrected. W. Bro. Biggar and Bro. Clarke, Junior Warden, are energetic Masons, ambitious to excel in the ritual. They will doubtless improve the work of this lodge, which is one of the smallest in the district, but is experiencing a growing time and a Masonic revival. I was pleased to note four petitions at a recent meeting. Myrtle lodge, though small in numbers, is not wanting in enthusiasm. The brethren have spent considerable in furnishing and beautifying their lodge. Some furniture is still required, which no doubt will be supplied in due time. The prospects of this lodge are somewhat brighter, though it suffers much from the unprogressive state of the village where it is situated. The dues are well paid up and the finances are sound. Myrtle has done quite well for the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby: Visited this lodge January 19, 1905. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from neighboring lodges, including a strong representation from Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek. These brethren have a very commendable social spirit, and contributed much by speeches and songs to the evening's entertainment. I was delighted to be honored with the presence of W. Bros. Simpson and Drope, P. D. D. G. M's of Niagara District, the latter of whom, along with W. Bro. Harrison, introduced me to the lodge in most appropriate terms and manner. The Fellowcraft degree was exemplified in a faultless way. In no lodge yet visited did I see the work so impressively and accurately rendered. The officers of this lodge are capable of excellent work, and aim rightly at an elocutionary effect. Their enunciation was very distinct and accurate—a feature largely due to the painstaking care of Bros. Drope and Harrison. This lodge is one of

the most progressive and is admitting some of the brightest and most promising young men of the community. The lodge room of Union is an attractive one, its walls beautifully decorated and embellished with pictures, illuminated by a splendid electric light system contributes much to this pleasant effect. This lodge has a choir, musical instrument, and music is a marked feature of its ceremonies. The attendance at its regular meetings is excellent, financial standing growing strong, dues are well paid. It was certainly a very great treat for me to visit this lodge and observe its many progressive features. The proverbial fourth degree was celebrated with much enthusiasm and pleasure, the speeches delivered taking a high plane and sounding the power and beauty of truly Masonic principles.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines: On January 27 I paid my official visit. The attendance was large and representative, many brethren being present from the city and neighboring lodges. I was accompanied by W. Bro. R. Shriner and other officers and brethren from Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold. The work was an exemplification of the first degree, which was done by the W. M., W. Bro. Blaine, assisted by his efficient Wardens, in a very creditable manner, considering that this was the first practical work attempted by the newly installed officers. I was pleased with the accurate and impressive rendering of the Junior Warden's lecture. It called for much praise. The W. M. and the Junior Warden give promise of becoming expert craftsmen. This lodge should insist on candidates knowing thoroughly their obligations and questions before being advanced. There is a musical instrument, but it is not made part of the work. I am pleased to say W. Bros. Thompson, Gilmore, Leubsdorf, Past Masters of Maple Leaf, were present and gave part of the work. These brethren keep up a close connection with their mother lodge. W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf in particular never fails in attendance, and is a pillar of strength to his own and other city lodges. Maple Leaf has contributed largely to the delightful improvements made in the lodge room, raising it to the dignity and attractiveness of a city Masonic lodge. Some additions to the furniture, however, are yet required. The finances are in good condition, there being considerable surplus in the bank. Dues are quite well

paid. W. Bro. H. Johnstone, P. D. D. G. M., is a painstaking and capable Secretary. The banquet forms an important part in the Masonic life of this lodge, and usually inspiring and elevating addresses are given by many of its talented members.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland: Visited this lodge February 13, at its regular meeting. I was accompanied by W. Bro. J. Bottomly, of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, and Past Superintendent of the Chapter for Niagara District. He is an enthusiastic and advanced Mason. The attendance was good, despite the unfavorable weather. As there was no work I requested the W. M., W. Bro. Patterson, to open and close the lodge in the three degrees, which was done in a faultless manner. The firmness, tact and impressive delivery of W. Bro. Patterson will make him a successful Master. This lodge is progressive and securing a high class of applicants. It has added to the furniture and improved the appointments of its home. Its finances are in fairly good shape; the dues are kept well in hand by Bro. Coulson, who is a faithful Secretary. This lodge has not done as yet what it should for the Semi-Centennial Fund. I had the pleasure of meeting on this occasion one of my predecessors in office, R. W. Bro. John Crowe, who made some inspiring remarks at the banquet held at the close of the work. This function was marked by appropriate speeches, abundance of good fellowship and hospitality.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South: Visited this lodge February 14 at a regular meeting, accompanied by W. Bro. J. Bottomly, of Niagara Lodge, No. 2. The attendance was large considering the extreme severity of the weather. W. Bro. Mitchell and his two Wardens exemplified the first degree in a charming manner. The rendering showed much spirit and impressiveness. W. Bro. Mitchell is a young man of energy and enthusiasm, and an ambitious ritualist. He is ably seconded by his Senior Warden. This lodge has made marked progress during the year. At every meeting there is abundance of work. W. Bro. Sloggett is its painstaking and accurate Secretary. He is a never-failing promoter of its highest and best interests. Music is made an important part of the ceremonies of St. Mark's lodge. Its lodge room is one of the best in the district. While much good work is being done in this lodge the

dues are being neglected somewhat, and while commendably mindful of its duties to the widow of a deceased brother it has not as yet done much for the Semi-Centennial Fund. The celebration of the banquet is a special feature of this lodge.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold: Visited this lodge on Wednesday, 15th February. The attendance was exceptionally large, being the occasion of a return fraternal visit of Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls. The visiting brethren exemplified the Entered Apprentice degree in an accurate and inspiring way. W. Bro. Griffiths and his Wardens aim at impressive work. This, like all other fraternal visits of Lodges to do work, was productive of much good. It stimulates and renews interest and produces uniformity in the work. Too many of them cannot be held. A banquet followed the work—a splendid function—rendered delightful by speeches, songs and recitations. Mountain Lodge is progressive and possesses zealous ritualists in the persons of W. Bros. Hoover, Shmar and Monro. It is making some of the brightest young men of the town. Harmony and true Masonic spirit prevail. Its finances are buoyant, there being a good surplus in the bank, some of which should be devoted to the improvement and furnishing of the lodge room. Its altar and lighting call for change. The prospects of this lodge are bright in the extreme.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland: Visited this lodge at regular meeting March 2nd. I was accompanied by W. Bro. R. Shriner, of Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold. The attendance was large. I was honored again by the presence of W. Bro. J. H. Crow, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. Vanatter. Copestone Lodge is fortunate in having two such zealous craftsmen among many others. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Pettit, assisted by his Wardens, in a fairly creditable way. The work in the main was accurate, but lacked somewhat in impressiveness arising from constant practice and elocutionary effort. This lodge has a well furnished and comfortable home. The spirits of the brethren are harmonious and enthusiastic for Masonic progress. The banquet which followed the work was a rare treat. A splendid address on the objects of Masonry was given by Rev. Bro. Johnstone, Senior Warden. Timely and stimulating remarks were made also by W. Bro. J. H. Crow. The songs

were appropriate and elevating; much fellowship and hospitality prevailed. Copestone lodge has done second to one in the district for the Semi-Centennial Fund, and has thus splendidly justified its existence as a subordinate lodge of Masonry imbued with a high sense of its mission. Owing to the faithful efforts of the very faithful Secretary, Bro. Thomas Mains, this lodge enjoys the proud distinction of having no arrears of dues. I was pleased to note the improvements made in the number and kind of lodge furnishings, and I anticipate under W. Bro. Pettit a year of marked success.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York: Paid my official visit to this lodge at a special meeting April 22. The attendance was fair. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the Master Mason's degree, and was done in a way that called for much praise by W. Bro. Renney, assisted by W. Bros. Brown, Mellon and Martindale. This lodge, though numerically weak, is strong in the ritual. The rendering of this sublime degree showed not only literal accuracy, but also strong impressiveness, the brethren evidently showing a desire of becoming proficient workers. This lodge is recovering from the losses sustained by fire a few years ago, and has improved considerably its furnishings and will do more along these lines. It is out of debt and has a good sum in the treasury. Though situated in a retrograde district it is sharing in the general Masonic revival of Niagara district and is growing. The prospects are bright.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: Visited this lodge April 21st at a special meeting. The attendance was neither large nor representative, owing to the bad state of the roads and to social functions held in the town on the same evening. I was pleased to have present R. W. Bro. J. Hoshall, a distinguished brother of this lodge, who introduced me to the lodge in a truly Masonic manner and in felicitous terms. He made some very pointed and suggestive remarks. In the absence through illness of the W. M., W. Bro. Burns, W. Bro. Shepherd was in the east, and exemplified the Fellowcraft degree. The work showed some errors, arising from lack of practice. This lodge should devote more energy to the ritual and to an impressive rendering of the same. St. John's Lodge perhaps has the best appointments of any lodge in the district, but the attendance, as shown by the register,

does not disclose an enthusiastic interest in the work. My visit was rendered more enjoyable by a banquet held at the Campbell House. The function was marked by appropriate songs and speeches of a high order.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville: I was welcomed to this lodge on May 26 by W. Bros. Aikens, Scholfeld and R. W. Bro. Amsden. This is one of the most progressive lodges of the district. The attendance at this and its regular meetings was large, many brethren being present from Dufferin Lodge, Wellandport, and Macnab Lodge, Port Colborne. The work of the evening was an exemplification of the third degree, which was rendered fairly well by W. Bro. Aikens, assisted by R. W. Bro. Amsden. The junior officers are well skilled in their work. Rehearsals would, with very little effort, perfect the lodge work, and it would be well for the W. M's not to rely too much upon the splendid ritualism of R. W. Bro. Amsden. The finances of this lodge, though improving, are not strong, owing to the great arrearage of dues. I noted with pleasure a determination to recover these. R. W. Bro. Tipton, a veteran in Masonic ranks, was present, and assisted much to make the occasion pleasurable and profitable to all. Amity lodge during the year has added to its membership many young men of character and ability, which augurs well for its future.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville: Visited this lodge April 25th at a special meeting. The attendance was fair, several brethren being present from Jarvis, Caledonia and Paris. This lodge shows signs of growing interest, though there has been a lack of Masonic zeal and enthusiasm. The average attendance might be better. More care should be taken in the election of officers so that the country brethren might have a fair representation. In the absence of the W.M., who was away through illness, W. Bro. McDonald occupied the east and exemplified the second degree in a fairly accurate manner. His Wardens are careful workers and give promise of considerable success as ritualists. This lodge should get a lease of more suitable quarters and devote its attention particularly to its equipment with proper appointments. Several new members have been added during the year, and with more application on the part of the officers Hiram would make rapid strides. Bro. Howard is a care-

ful Secretary. In the future this lodge will advance much in every respect.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis: I visited this lodge June 9. There was a good attendance of its members and much enthusiasm displayed in the work. This lodge shows substantial growth and has added to its membership some good material. Its lodge room, already large and well furnished, has been rendered more attractive by the addition of well appointed ante-rooms. I was pleased to note that music is about to be made a part of its ceremonies. The work of the evening was a passing, which was fairly well done. Some errors as to signs and steps were corrected as the work progressed. W. Bro. Parsons, a very enthusiastic Mason and a good worker, has occupied the oriental chair for three years and should give way to the good material that waits advancement. The dues are well paid, and Bro. Howell will doubtless prove a worthy successor to its veteran Secretary, the late Bro. Hill, who held that position for about a quarter of a century. I was pleased to have with me Bro. Jacques, P. D. D. G. M., who presented his mother lodge with a portrait of its late distinguished Secretary, Bro. Hill, in very happy terms. No more appropriate gift could be made to any lodge than this.

Macnab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne: I visited this lodge March 14th at a special meeting, by request. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of members and visiting brethren. I was honored with the presence of my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Richard Mathews, who took part in the work and made some appropriate remarks. W. Bro. Pettit, of Copestone Lodge, Welland, also delighted the brethren with his suggestions and songs. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was rendered by W. Bro. Tuck and his Wardens in an almost perfect way. The exemplification showed much study and was impressive. The Junior Warden's lecture was delivered by Bro. Kinnear with much elocutionary effect and called for praise. Bro. Kinnear, a thorough student of Masonry, bids fair to become a splendid ritualist. This lodge is the banner one of Niagara district as far as the Semi-Centennial Fund is concerned, every member of which has subscribed and paid the requisite amount. This happy result is due largely to the unsparing efforts of its Immediate Past Master,

W. Bro. J. Mathews. This is a splendid exhibition of virile Masonry. The prospects of Macnab lodge are indeed bright. At the close of the work an excellent entertainment was given, at which appropriate speeches were made by the Past Masters, W. Bro. Pettit and Bro. Kinnear, who gave a scholarly address on Masonry as an ethical science.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines: I paid my official visit to this lodge April 23rd. My reception was most cordial. A large attendance of members—most of whom are enthusiastic Masons—and of visiting brethren from St. George's, Maple Leaf and Mountain lodges. I was again delighted by seeing W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf, a nestor in matters Masonic, who by request exemplified the tools of the first degree, which was the work exemplified on the occasion of my visit. W. Bro. Oldright and his Wardens did the work fairly well, considering the fact that they had been recently installed in office. By frequent rehearsals they will improve much. This lodge makes slow but very desirable growth, its members being particularly solicitous about the character of its members. W. Bro. Beaton is a careful and energetic Secretary. He deserves much credit for his work in collecting the arrearages of dues. I regret that this and the other lodges of St. Catharines have not taken hold of the Semi-Centennial Fund and promoted it as they should. I was pleased to note that Temple Lodge has contributed largely towards the proper furnishing of the lodge room jointly occupied by the three city lodges.

King Edward VII. Lodge, working under a dispensation. A petition praying for a dispensation to be issued to hold a Masonic lodge at Chippewa, to be known as King Edward VII., was sent to me by brethren resident at that place to the number of eighteen. I visited that place and found a growing village, situated near the great development of electric power at Niagara Falls and bound to share in the industrial prosperity arising therefrom. I found in Chippewa a fair number of enthusiastic Masons anxious to enjoy the privileges arising from a Masonic lodge existent in their midst. It is true St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, is contiguous, and many of the petitioners are members thereof, yet owing to the peculiarities of their situation it is impossible for them to enjoy especially the social advantages of Masonic member-

ship. Considering all the circumstances of the case, more particularly the material prosperity and progress surely to fall to the lot of Chippewa in a short time, and the fact that the brethren of St. Mark's, the nearest lodge thereto, were willing that the dispensation should be granted, I recommended to the M. W. the Grand Master that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. He was pleased to issue the dispensation and commissioned me to organize them into a lodge of Masons. King Edward VII. started with a membership of eighteen zealous Masons, which has increased to thirty. The W. M., W. Bro. G. H. Brown, an old Past Master of York Lodge, is thoroughly posted in his work and vigilant lest an error should pass uncorrected. The Secretary, Bro. H. McKenzie, is a Mason of sterling character and very faithful to his duties. Its Wardens, Bros. Beamish and Mope, are ambitious to excel as ritualists. Subsequently I visited the lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. J. Bottomly, of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, and witnessed the third degree exemplified by W. Bro. Brown in a perfect manner. The rendering, in fact, was as good if not superior to any that I have seen in the district. One very praiseworthy feature was the thoroughness with which the candidate was trained in his obligations. The candidate, Bro. Pearce, was a particularly bright young man, and gave his obligation accurately and impressively. Music was made a part of the work. As far as conferring the work properly is concerned there can be no anxiety about King Edward VII. lodge. The attendance was large, there being many brethren present from Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N. Y. After the close of the work a sumptuous repast was given. Much Masonic zeal and enthusiasm were created by the many timely and inspiring remarks of the various speakers. The prospects of having a growing and useful lodge at Chippewa are indeed bright.

In conclusion I must express my thanks to the Secretaries of the various lodges for their promptness in sending me the information required and necessary. An efficient secretary contributes greatly to a lodge's welfare, and the work done by him is often not appreciated by the ordinary member. No district, perhaps, can have a more intelligent and faithful corps of secretaries than has Niagara No. 10. I wish again to thank the brethren for their kindness and courtesy to me and to bespeak for my

successor, whoever he may be, the same kind and courteous treatment as has been extended to me. The year has been profitable to me in having, as I have said, the privilege of meeting the splendid set of sterling men ever to be found in Masonic lodges, in expanding my mental horizon, and in developing and strengthening my moral and social nature. My only hope is that my efforts, feeble and insignificant as they have been, will not fail of some good and lasting benefit to the brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. F. BALD, D. D. G. M.,

Niagara District No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Niagara District, No. 10, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Decrease during year.	Increase during year.	Total No. of all Mem.		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.									Total.	Emergent.								
338	Dufferin ...	Wellandport...	56	6	4	6	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	4	15	22	...	...	\$160 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$120 00
277	Seymour ...	Port Dalhousie	46	1	...	19	16	15	2	1	1	2	3	...	13	...	13	17	...	...	28 00	Dec. 29, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
105	St. Mark's ...	Niagara Falls S.	102	16	...	84	13	2	12	9	9	1	...	4	14	7	21	31	\$30 00	...	145 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
115	Ivy ...	Beausville...	93	9	6	8	6	6	1	...	...	...	...	1	13	2	15	25	112 60	...	11 25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
372	Palmer ...	Bridgeburg ...	84	13	2	12	9	9	1	...	...	...	...	1	13	14	27	21	25 00	...	11 25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
254	Clifton ...	Niagara Falls	134	14	7	14	13	15	...	...	...	...	...	2	14	5	19	36	210 55	...	42 00	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	750 00
185	Emiskill'n ...	York ...	61	2	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	14	14	14	5 00	...	52 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
296	Temple ...	St. Catharines.	67	3	...	6	6	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	11	14	17	...	...	64 00	Feb. 23, '05	Good	Good	Yes	1400 00
373	Copstone ...	Welland ...	60	...	...	2	9	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	13	5	19	20	...	...	15 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
168	Merritt ...	Welland ...	94	10	2	9	5	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	13	5	19	20	...	...	105 90	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	300 00
35	St. John's ...	Maple Leaf St. Catharines.	156	15	...	17	17	20	2	1	2	...	...	...	3	14	10	24	30 00	...	275 00	June 24, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
337	Myrtle ...	Cayuga ...	62	4	7	2	2	1	1	1	3	...	...	...	15	1	16	11	...	...	75 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
32	Amity ...	Port Robinson	38	10	...	8	7	13	1	1	3	...	...	...	10	4	14	11	...	...	15 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
221	Mountain ...	Dunnville ...	96	12	9	8	7	11	1	3	3	...	...	...	14	7	21	26	25 00	...	3 00	Jan. 24, '05	Good	Good	No	500 00
7	Union ...	Thorold ...	83	13	...	13	15	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	25	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
15	St. George ...	Grimsby ...	88	9	1	8	8	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	27	5 00	...	67 77	July, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
169	Macnab ...	St. Catharines.	103	...	...	1	4	5	11	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	...	...	...	...	30 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
319	Hiram ...	Port Colborne.	68	5	1	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	12	12	65 00	...	45 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00
329	K. Solomon Jarvis	Niagara ...	68	3	2	2	2	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	14	16	20 00	...	123 50	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
		Hagersville ...	39	1	...	2	2	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	12	...	14	10	...	...	97 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
		Jarvis ...	60	9	3	7	7	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	1	22	...	...	101 25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	700 00

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to submit herewith my report upon the condition of Masonry in the above district during the past year. In the first place I wish to express sincere thanks to my brethren for unanimously electing me to represent the M. W. the Grand Master in this district, and for the uniform countesy, kindness and consideration with which I have invariably been treated.

Although the duties I have endeavored to perform have been a heavy tax on time and strength, yet the labor has been one of love, and if my efforts have been of any benefit to others, as they certainly have been a pleasure to me, I shall feel amply repaid. I am conscious of many shortcomings and deficiencies, but I would ask the indulgence of my brethren in regard to these, for I can assure them my aim has been to do what I believed to be right so far as my opportunities and abilities would permit. And I wish very especially to thank such brethren as R. W. Bros. Geo. Tait, Aubrey White, Dr. A. F. Webster and J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M's, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary, and many others whose names I should like to mention if space permitted, for their kindness in sometimes visiting with me, and in showing at all times the utmost readiness to assist me with their knowledge, advice and experience.

Shortly after being placed in my present official position I sent out a circular to all the lodges in the district notifying them of my election, and thanking my brethren for the confidence they had placed in me. I also appointed V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, a P. M. of Wilson lodge, my secretary, and I am glad to have this opportunity of stating that no D. D. G. M. ever had a better. He accompanied me on many of my official visits, and rendered, most cheerfully, valuable assistance in many

ways. I visited every lodge in the district at least once, and many of them two and even three times, and I feel bound to say that I consider the general condition of Masonry throughout this district to be nothing short of excellent. The officers and members of the various lodges are drawn from the very best classes in the community and would reflect credit on any institution. Candidates are flocking in, but due care is, in most cases, being exercised, and the high standard of the past is being fully maintained. I should like, however, to give a word of caution in this regard, for I can readily believe that a tendency may develop to consider quantity rather than quality. Owing to the abounding prosperity of this glorious young country of ours I do not think the lodges have been called upon to disburse very much in charity, but so far as I have been able to learn every proper call has been promptly responded to.

Of the ritualistic work I can scarcely speak too highly. It has reached a level of excellence which I do not think can reasonably be expected to be much improved. There are, of course, some exceptions, but these are, I think, almost wholly due to lack of opportunities for practice, for I believe that honest effort has been put forth in every instance. In this connection I would repeat, what I have said more than once on my official visits, that every set of officers should see to it that one or more degrees should be exemplified at every meeting unless some other form of instruction or entertainment were specially provided. If no candidate is available surely a volunteer can always be found. It cannot be expected that brethren, particularly in the county, where many have to travel long distances to reach the lodge room, should come out regularly unless they feel reasonably certain there will be something for them to do, or hear, or see, when they get there. I feel strongly on this point and hope some attention will be paid to my suggestions.

So far as the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund is concerned I am forced to confess to some degree of disappointment. A few of the lodges have done magnificently, *e. g.*, Ashlar and Zetland, and others in proportion to their wealth and numbers, but there has been a good deal of indifference, and that, too, where, in my opinion, it should not have been displayed. As instructed by the Central Committee of Grand Lodge I appointed a Dis-

strict Committee composed of faithful and zealous brethren. I think they have almost all done everything in their power, and personally I have done what I could, both by voice and pen, but the results in many cases have been rather discouraging. However, difficulties were made to be overcome, and perseverance will yet, I am convinced, result in almost every lodge giving a good account of itself before the allotted period of three years from July, 1904, has expired. I think every lodge in the district is working in perfect harmony, and the warmest hospitality and most abounding good fellowship prevails.

Peel lodge, under dispensation, is doing splendidly and should, in my opinion, get its warrant.

I had the pleasure of inaugurating a new lodge, named Victoria, in the town of Toronto Junction. As will be seen from a subsequent part of this report, it is starting with the most encouraging prospects and brightest of outlooks.

As many of my predecessors have done, I would refer to the time of election of officers in private lodges. In my opinion these should all take place in May. If any action on the part of Grand Lodge be possible in this matter I hope it will be taken without any avoidable delay.

VISITS.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto; W. Bro. Frank Maile, W. M.: I inspected the work of this lodge at the regular meeting held on the 9th of March. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, the latter including W. Bro. Jas. Haywood, W. M. of Zetland Lodge; W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, W. M. of Wilson Lodge; W. Bro. B. Cairns, W. M. of Orient Lodge; R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary. I was very sorry that that distinguished Mason, and one of the towers of strength to this lodge, R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P. D. D. G. M., was unable to be present. However, I had the pleasure of seeing him install the officers of this lodge last December in that dignified and impressive manner which characterizes all his work. The first degree was well given, after which R. W. Bro. Nixon delivered a most interesting and impressive address on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, which was listened to with great attention and which I am sure will have a good effect. I have,

however, no report as to what the lodge has done regarding this fund, but I understand a considerable amount has been raised. The finances are improving, the books well kept, and the prospects are good. A very enjoyable hour was spent at the refreshment table. Since the above was written I learn with very great pleasure that this lodge has paid in the sum of \$185.50 to the S. C. B. Fund, and in addition \$363.50 has been subscribed.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple; W. Bro. James B. MacLean, W. M.: I officially visited this fine old lodge on the 18th of April. My secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, accompanied me. The lodge was also favored with the presence of R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M., the W. M's of Patterson, Robertson and Richmond lodges, and several other visitors. There was likewise a good number of members present. The candidate who was expected having failed to appear, W. Bro. David Couper offered to act in that capacity, and the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. MacLean and his officers in a manner that simply delighted me. It frequently happens that where, as has been the case in this lodge for the past few years, but few candidates offer themselves, the officers, through lack of practice grow a little rusty and the work is not always well done, but that was not the case here. Although this was the first time the W. M. had conferred the degree the work of himself and his officers was second to none in the district. I shall be surprised if W. Bro. MacLean does not yet rise considerably higher in Masonry. The J. W's lecture was splendidly given, and it was a rare treat to hear the charge from the Book of Constitution delivered by that grand old Mason, W. Bro. A. Carley, a P. M. of Robertson lodge, but who first saw light in Masonry in Vaughan lodge. W. Bro. Leeds Richardson, the Secretary of this lodge, is another Mason of long standing and a most efficient officer. He takes great pleasure, and justly so, in showing the old dispensation and other records, most carefully preserved, of the time when this lodge worked under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The brethren own their lodge room free of debt. The financial standing is good, and though the membership has not increased very rapidly of late years the prospects in this regard are brighter, and what, in my opinion, is far more important, the material now in the lodge is of the very best character, and to maintain

this standard is, I think, a much more worthy object to strive for than mere augmentation of numbers. The ladies of Maple, as is their custom on an occasion of this kind, provided a really magnificent banquet, and by their presence, and the songs they so kindly rendered, added greatly to the pleasure of the fourth degree and made the occasion one of the most enjoyable I have ever experienced. Only one lodge in the district (Robertson) has similar good fortune in having the assistance of their lady friends, and I would suggest to the others the desirability of following the example of these two lodges if possible. This lodge, owing principally to the personal efforts of W. Bro. MacLean, has done splendidly for S. C. B. Fund, every resident member having subscribed and paid. To conclude, there is no lodge in the district I can speak more highly of than Vaughan.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto; W. Bro. R. C. Harris, W. M.: I visited this lodge in my official capacity on the 4th of May and spent a most enjoyable evening. There was an unusually large attendance of both members and visitors, the latter including R. W. Bros. Wm. Roaf, K. C., Aubrey White, Geo. S. May, M.P.P. of Ottawa, and Campbell, of Drayton, all P. D. D. G. M's; V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary, and W. Bros. Burwash, Segsworth, Haywood, Schoff and Davies, W. M's respectively of St. Andrew's, Wilson, Zetland, St. George and Harmony lodges. The first degree was exemplified in an exceptionally able manner, W. Bro. Harris having the presence, the voice and the elocutionary power necessary to make the ritualistic work as impressive as it should be. All the officers did well, but I wish specially to mention Bro. John O'Connor, who delivered the J. W's lecture in a manner I have never seen excelled. W. Bro. Geo. H. Mitchell is a model Secretary, and his books could not be better kept. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D., is also a P. M. of this lodge. He is a Mason whom I have learned to esteem very highly in the short time I have known him, and I trust, for the sake of Masonry, that he will yet rise much higher. The financial standing is first class and every prospect encouraging. A splendid banquet was given after the regular work of the evening. I do not think I ever heard a finer selection of good old songs, and some of the addresses were excellent. I regret to say that this lodge has taken a strong stand in

opposition to the S. C. B. Fund. No doubt the reasons given for this attitude are satisfactory to the brethren, but in my humble opinion they are overlooking or ignoring more important considerations, and, particularly in view of the fact that this lodge because of its members, wealth and position, and the high character of the men who compose it will, no doubt, exercise a very strong influence upon other lodges, I do hope and trust that Reho-boam will yet come to view this matter in a different light. Notwithstanding the action of the lodge, however, I am pleased to report that many of the individual members have contributed liberally to this fund, which, under the circumstances, I consider particularly creditable on their part. I had previously visited this lodge on the 3rd November, the occasion being a reception to M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, G. M., and the P. M's night. I shall not attempt to go into details regarding this splendid gathering, but certain it is I never attended a better. The ranks of this lodge I sincerely regret to say have been greatly thinned by death during the past year. I shall here only mention the name of one of the brethren who have passed away, that of V. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, M.P. He was the senior member on the roll of this lodge at the time of his death, and he left no better man or truer Mason behind him. Not Masonry alone, but his fellow citizens and all classes of Canadians will long mourn the sudden and untimely death of V. W. Bro. Clarke.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto; W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, W. M.: I made my official visit to this lodge on the 21st of March and had the pleasure of being introduced in company with R. W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, D. D. G. M. of Toronto District No. 11a. There was a good turnout of members and an unusually large number of visitors, including R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P. D. D. G. M.; V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D., and the W. M's of no fewer than eight visiting lodges. Three candidates received the first degree, the work being creditably done, particularly that of the J. W., Bro. J. S. Simmons, who gave the lecture in a manner I have never seen excelled. I am glad to mention also that owing to this brother's kindness in supplying large quantities of flowers the lodge room presented a most beautiful appearance. I was very pleased to meet in this, his mother lodge, my Secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, who is most active in all that

pertains to the best side of Masonry, and is evidently immensely popular with his brethren. W. Bro. Segsworth is a most efficient and energetic W. M., the Secretary's books are well kept, and the outlook for the future very encouraging. This lodge has been active in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, \$100 having been paid to the Grand Secretary, and considerably more than this sum subscribed. V. W. Bro. Carleton has personally given the matter a great deal of time and attention. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on the evening of the 18th October, when a most magnificent reception was given to the M. W. the Grand Master. Since writing this report I have learned with much pleasure that Wilson lodge has paid over \$200 to the S. C. B. Fund, and a further amount has been subscribed.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton; W. Bro. Dr. W. F. Hackett, W. M.: I made my official visit to this lodge on the 28th of October, accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton. There was not a large attendance of members, but during the evening a number of visiting brethren arrived from King and Tottenham, among the latter being W. Bro. McCabe, W. M. of Tottenham lodge and also a P. M. of this lodge. There have been large drafts from the membership of True Blue Lodge lately, chiefly owing to the formation of Peel Lodge in Caledon East and Tottenham Lodge in Tottenham. The lodge has also been handicapped for the last two or three years by the fact that the W. M. for the time being has not resided in Bolton, thus making it very difficult to secure that earnest and hearty co-operation which is so essential. There being no candidate the W. M. and his officers, at my request, opened and closed in the three degrees, the work being only fairly done, this being, I am sure, largely due to the fact that this was the first regular meeting after the installation of the officers, and there having been no opportunity for rehearsal. At this point the visitors arrived and W. Bro. Leavens, who is always ready to assist in any way, offered himself as a candidate and the first degree was exemplified, the work in this instance being much better. W. Bro. Bolton is a splendid Secretary, a most genial man and excellent Mason. The lodge building is owned by the brethren free of encumbrance, and there is no more attractive Masonic home in the district. A very enjoyable banquet was held, and I

have never had the pleasure of meeting a finer or more sociable lot of brethren, W. Bro. Hackett being a most genial and in fact an ideal host. A good committee has been appointed to canvas subscriptions for the S. C. B. Fund, but at time of writing I am not aware what success has been met with. Notwithstanding the temporary difficulties I have referred to I have no fear for the future of True Blue Lodge.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg; W. Bro. Francis Attridge, W. M.: I visited this lodge on the evening of the 24th of October, having the pleasure of being accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, and Bro. Geo. Barron, of Ashlar lodge. There was a good attendance of both members and visitors, the latter including W. Bro. McCabe, W. M. of Tottenham lodge. Two candidates were initiated in a satisfactory manner, considering that the officers had not had much opportunity for practice. There is a very fine spirit pervading this lodge, largely owing to the work of W. Bro. Dr. Brereton, for many years its Secretary. His books are models. There was a time when candidates were scarce, but a number have presented themselves lately and the prospects are quite bright. The brethren own their own building free of debt. There are some interesting and curious things in the lodge room, including a beautifully engraved and framed list of the officers for a number of years past, and some very fine carving on the officers' chairs, both done by former members of the lodge. A very enjoyable banquet was held after the regular work of the evening. Fifteen dollars has been paid into the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and more is promised. The lodge lost by death during the year Bro. Arthur Armstrong. He was buried by Union at Lloydton with Masonic honors.

York Lodge, No. 156, Eglington; W. Bro. W. S. Dalby, W. M.; The occasion of my last official visit was to this historic lodge on the 16th of June. I had the pleasure of the company of my Secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, and among the visitors I was delighted to greet W. Bro. J. C. West, W. M. of Occident, my mother lodge, together with two of his P. M's, W. Bros. T. Barber and W. J. King, and a number of his members, also W. Bro. Shoff, W. M. of St. George Lodge, with P. M's Frank Saunders and Geo. K. Clemens and several of the rank

and file. There was also a goodly number of York's own members present. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Dalby and his officers, assisted to some extent by some of the P. M's in a satisfactory manner, after which a most enjoyable hour was spent at the refreshment table. The members of York are about as jovial and hospitable a set of brethren as I have had the pleasure of meeting for some time. W. Bro. Wm. Duncan is an ideal Secretary, and there is a very fine body of P. M's connected with this lodge, among whom my old friend W. Bro. R. J. Gibson stand conspicuous for his untiring zeal and energy in the interests of his lodge. Concurrent jurisdiction with the city lodges, which was granted to York by Grand Lodge at its meeting in Brockville in July, 1904, has proved an inestimable blessing to this lodge, and its progress since has proved the wisdom of Grand Lodge in granting the request. This lodge has been active in the interests of the S. C. B. Fund, owing largely, I understand, to the efforts of V. W. Bro. Chas. E. Norris. More than \$100 has been subscribed and paid.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton; W. Bro. W. J. Fenton, W. M.: I officially visited this lodge on the 21st February, and I want to say at the outset that I enjoyed none of my official visits more than this. I was accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton. There was a good turnout of members and visitors. The third degree was exemplified in a manner which, considering the size and appointments of the lodge room, I have never seen excelled. There is a particularly efficient set of officers in charge of this lodge at the present time. They are men of refinement and culture, and one could feel that every word of this beautiful degree was thoroughly understood and appreciated by them. The way in which they put on the work was a genuine pleasure to me. This lodge also has the good fortune of having as its Secretary R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, K. C., P. D. D. G. M. of this district. He is a most genial and hospitable man and a splendid Mason in every respect. His books are faultlessly kept. I would also specially mention V. W. Bro. Adam Morton, that grand old man and Mason, who was Secretary of the lodge for many years, and still attends regularly. The membership is steadily increasing, the finances in good shape, and the outlook very encouraging. A most enjoyable banquet was par-

ticipated in after the regular work of the lodge. This lodge is taking an interest in the S. C. B. Fund, some \$75.00 having been subscribed but not yet paid in, as I understand the money is being held for further payments to be made.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King; W. Bro. Arch. McCallum, W. M.: I visited this lodge for purposes of inspection on the 15th May, being accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton. I was pleased to see a good turnout of members and visitors, among the latter being R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, and W. Bro. Jas. B. McLean, W. M. of Vaughan Lodge, Maple. The third degree was exemplified in a fairly creditable manner, so far as the regular officers were concerned, but considerable portions were done by W. Bros. A. Carley and Geo. Egan, who are both splendid ritualists. I think the regular officers require more practice, and would urge them to get together for rehearsal more frequently if at all possible. It is a very special pleasure to meet in this lodge W. Bro. A. Carley, its Secretary. He is not only a splendid Secretary, but is a combination one comes across all too rarely, namely, a man pretty well advanced in years but with the heart of a boy. He can take any part of the ritual, sing a song, play the violin or tell a story equally well. V. W. Bro. A. D. Carley and W. Bro. George Egan are also towers of strength to this lodge. The membership has been about stationary for the last few years, but the prospects are improving. The finances are all right. A very enjoyable banquet was provided by the lady friends of the brethren, who not only favored us with their presence, but also with excellent music. This lodge has paid \$10.00 to the S. C. B. Fund. I think it will give still more.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto; W. Bro. A. C. Fairweather, W. M. I made my official visit to this splendid lodge at its regular meeting held on the 28th of March. I was delighted to meet my good friends, R. W. Bros. Dr. A. F. Webster, J. H. Widdifield and Curran Morrison, all P. D. D. G. M's of this district, as well as a large attendance of members and visitors, the latter including the W. M's of several visiting lodges. The lodge room presented a most attractive appearance, being profusely decorated with flowers generously supplied for the occasion by Bro. Lawrence. This is the mother lodge of M.

W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, our honored G. M., but to my great regret he was unable to be present on this occasion. The first degree was put on in an excellent manner, the W. M. and his officers fully maintaining the reputation of Ashlar in this regard, which is bestowing very high praise. The musical accompaniment, too, was very fine. Bro. John A. Shaw is the Secretary, assisted by V. W. Bro. W. H. Best. There is not a better kept set of books in the district. The membership for the past few years has been increasing by leaps and bounds, the finances are in splendid shape, the utmost harmony prevails, and the prospects for the future could scarcely be brighter. This lodge has made a most magnificent response to the appeal in regard to S. C. B. Fund, largely owing to the personal efforts of that model Mason, R. W. Bro. Dr. Webster. One thousand dollars has been subscribed and paid, which is indeed an example other lodges should be eager to follow, but still is not more than might have been expected from such a generous and progressive lodge as Ashlar. The hospitality of this lodge is also proverbial, and an exceedingly pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment table after the regular work of the evening. I had previously visited this lodge on the 27th of September, when a magnificent reception was tendered M. W. Bro. Allen by his brethren of Ashlar, the occasion being one of congratulation on his being raised to the exalted position of chief head and ruler of the Craft. It was the largest and most enthusiastic Masonic function I ever had the pleasure of attending, the like of which I do not expect to see again. I was also present at the P. M's night on the 28th February, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. We were much favored and greatly interested at the fourth degree by the presence of the noted actor, R. W. Bro. Edward Terry, P. G. Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England. His remarks and anecdotes were very clever and entertaining. In conclusion I would simply remark, what is however very well known already, that there is no better lodge in the district than Ashlar.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill; W. Bro. A. Muckle, W. M.: I had the pleasure of making my official visit to this lodge on the evening of the 19th of January. An added pleasure was that I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto District, and Bro. Geo. Barron, the worthy Chaplain of Ash-

lar lodge. There was a large number of members and visitors in attendance, the latter including R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto District No. 11A, and W. Bro. James McLean, W. M. of Vaughan Lodge, Maple, and a number of his P. M's and brethren. The first degree was exemplified in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, every officer doing his work well. This lodge is particularly fortunate in having as one of its P. M's, as well as its Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. O. G. M. of this district. He is untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of this, his mother lodge, and it is needless to say his books are models of neatness and accuracy. There are excellent men in all the chairs, and the prospects are extremely bright. This lodge has done well in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, considering its membership. They have paid in \$25.00, and a like amount is promised for next year.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston; W. Bro. W. C. Buraage, W. M.: I officially visited this lodge on the 24th November, being accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, and W. Bro. Carveth, P. M. of Wilson lodge. The attendance was good. Among the visitors were W. Bros. Maynard and Hackett, W. M's respectively of Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge, and True Blue Lodge, Bolton. The first degree was conferred in a creditable manner. The books are well kept and the lodge is in a good condition financially. There is an exceptionally bright lot of young men in this lodge, and I consider its prospects very bright. There are also some stalwarts among the P. M's, W. Bros. Eagle and Wilby being hosts in themselves. A splendid banquet was provided, the hospitality of the brethren of Humber being unbounded. I again visited this lodge on the 16th February, the occasion being its 32nd anniversary and a P. M's night. I had the pleasure of making the visit in company with R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and Dr. A. F. Webster. W. Bro. Eagle occupied the east, the other chairs all being filled by P. M's. The third degree was splendidly exemplified. The visitors from the city had to leave early, having to drive, the cars being blocked, and we therefore missed the fourth degree, which I am sure would have been most enjoyable. I know this lodge to be doing good work in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, W. Bro. Wilby being especially active in the matter. I have

not, however, been furnished with details except that up to 23rd March last \$47 had been subscribed. I now learn that about \$100.00 has been subscribed and between \$40 and \$50 paid.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge; W. Bro. Amos Maynard, W. M.: I made my visit of inspection to this lodge on the 14th of April. I had the pleasure of the company from the city of R. W. Bro. Major Joseph Beck, P. G. J. W. and P. D. D. G. M. of Huron District, an old personal friend of my own, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait, P. D. D. G. M. of this district. There were also present W. Bro. Dr. W. F. Hackett, W. M. of True Blue Lodge, Bolton, and W. Bro. W. C. Burrage, W. M. of Humber Lodge, Weston, besides several others. There was a fair turnout of members of the lodge. Two candidates were initiated, the work being fairly well done. W. Bro. Maynard is a most enthusiastic and painstaking officer, and any inaccuracies in his work are entirely attributable to lack of opportunity for practice. On this occasion the S. W., J. D. and I. G. were all absent and sent no excuse so far as I am aware. I do not think that is the proper way to treat their lodge, and I trust these brethren will be more faithful in the future, or at least forward some explanation of their absence. W. Bro. Burrage gave the J. W.'s lecture and R. W. Bro. Tait the P. M.'s Charge. It was a treat to hear them both. W. Bro. David Morton is an efficient Secretary, and this lodge would greatly miss such stand-bys as he and W. Bro. Maynard. Owing mainly to their efforts the prospects are brighter now than for some time past. This lodge has not seen its way to do anything for the S. C. B. Fund, the explanation being given that they are bending their energies towards paying for their new lodge building, which was only recently elected, and which is certainly a credit to the brethren. A most enjoyable time was spent at the festive board, the hospitality of this lodge being unbounded. There is good material in this lodge, and the prospects are improving, but I would strongly urge upon the brethren to turn out to the meetings and to get together for rehearsal whenever possible.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto; W. Bro. James Haywood, W. M.: On the 24th of February I made my visit to this lodge for purposes of inspection. There was a large attendance, among the visitors being R. W. Bro. J.

J. Thompson, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11a; V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D., and the W. M's of several visiting lodges. The third degree was exemplified in a wonderfully accurate and impressive manner. From the W. M. down every officer did his work perfectly. The musical accompaniment, too, was such as I certainly never heard excelled. W. Bro. Haywood is a most enthusiastic and efficient presiding officer, and W. Bro. J. H. McCabe is a splendid Secretary, his books being nothing short of models. The lodge is very wealthy and in every respect Zetland is maintaining its best traditions. I do not think I could bestow higher praise. A hilariously enjoyable time was spent at the refreshment table, many splendid songs being introduced. I was particularly pleased to hear once more Bro. H. M. Blight, whom I had not met for several years, and whose singing I always particularly admired. This lodge is doing magnificently in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, \$1,200 having been subscribed and paid. This is indeed an example which I trust will be followed. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on the 25th November, when a most enthusiastic reception was tendered M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada. I was again present at a meeting of this lodge on the 24th of February, the occasion being absolutely unique in my own experience, and I think in the history of Masonry in this jurisdiction. The W. M's chair was occupied by the M. W. the present Grand Master, and every other chair was filled by a Past Grand Master. A feature that added greatly to the interest of the evening was the fact that the candidate initiated was the son of W. Bro. Haywood, the W. M. of the lodge. The subsequent banquet was most enjoyable, many splendid speeches being given by the distinguished brethren present.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto; W. Bro. J. C. West, W. M.: As I had to leave Brockville last summer before being installed in my present position, I attended a meeting of this, my mother lodge, on the 21st September, when I was installed by R. W. Bro. Dr. A. F. Webster, P. D. D. G. M. of this district. I wish here to again express my sincere thanks to this distinguished brother for support and assistance in many ways, his kind offices being always most readily rendered and invariably proving efficient. I feel myself under a deep debt of

gratitude to this R. W. brother. This lodge also tendered me a reception on the evening of the 19th of October, when we were honored by the presence of M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as that of R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and W. D. McPherson, P. D. D. G. M's of this district; V. W. Bro. Ald. J. B. Hay, Bro. Thos. Crawford, M. P.P., and many others. I was indeed highly gratified by the honor conferred upon me, for which I sincerely thank W. Bro. King, who was then Master of the lodge, his officers, and my fellow members of Occident, as well as the visitors who were kind enough to attend on the occasion. An exceptionally enjoyable time was spent at the refreshment table. I certainly never heard finer addresses in a Masonic lodge than those given by the distinguished brethren already named. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this lodge for the ensuing year on the evening of the 21st of December, being kindly and most ably assisted by R. W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11a, V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D., and the P. M's of the lodge. There was a good attendance, and the occasion was, to me at least, a very enjoyable one. I made my visit of inspection on the 15th of February, and was pleased to see a good attendance of members, as well as several visitors, among whom was W. Bro. Jas. Leach, W. M. of Alpha Lodge. Two candidates were initiated, the first by W. Bro. West, the W. M. and his officers, and the other by some of the P. M's of the lodge. I do not think any one will accuse me of partiality to my mother lodge when I say the work in both instances was excellently done. W. Bro. West is a most energetic and efficient presiding officer, the other chairs are all filled by good men, and there is a body of P. M's connected with this lodge which I consider second to none in the district. Bro. Little is still Secretary, and is still as genial and as thoroughly efficient as of yore. The lodge has greatly increased in membership in the last few years, the material has been first-class, and the outlook is extremely bright. I also had the pleasure of attending the regular P. M's night of this lodge on the 17th May. Notwithstanding a downpour of rain there was a good attendance, the visitors, including R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, K. C., P. D. D. G. M. of this district; V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary, and W. Bros. Sykes and Meadows,

W. M's of Georgina and St. George's lodges respectively. V. W. Bro. R. C. Charlton occupied the east, the other chairs being filled by P. M's of the lodge. The work was exceedingly good, and the whole evening most enjoyable. Great credit is due W. Bro. West for the success of the occasion. This lodge is taking an active interest in the S. C. B. Fund, over \$100 having already been paid, and considerably more than that amount subscribed.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville; W. Bro. Rev. C. H. Rich, W. M.: I made my official visit to this lodge in the 15th of May. This lodge has not prospered for the last few years, but I am glad to say a complete change in this regard has now taken place. I wish to state, too, that the principal credit for this most desirable state of things should be given to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M., who spent a great deal of time, and took a lot of trouble, in efforts to revive the interest of the brethren, which had apparently almost reached the vanishing point. To this there were always some notable exceptions, however, particularly W. Bros. Taylor and Goodison, but speaking generally the lodge was in bad shape when R. W. Bro. Francis grappled with the difficulties, and as already stated, his efforts have been crowned with complete success. On the occasion of my visit there was a good attendance, considering the membership, and W. Bro. Wilby, of Humber Lodge, Weston, was also present. The first degree was exemplified in a creditable manner, any inaccuracies there were being chiefly attributable to lack of opportunities for practice. I would suggest to the brethren as frequent rehearsals as possible. The lodge has an efficient Secretary in Bro. O. R. Church, and Bro. Major M. S. Mercer, the S. W., will, I am sure, make an ideal W. M. in the near future. Candidates are beginning to present themselves freely, and I have now no fear for the future of this lodge. A very enjoyable hour was spent at the refreshment table, after the regular work of the evening, the hospitality and good fellowship of the brethren being unbounded. This lodge has not, as far as I have been able to ascertain, done anything in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, but I suppose, under the circumstances, this is hardly to be wondered at.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills; W. Bro. J. G. Musson, W. M.: I visited this lodge in my official

capacity on the 13th of June. There were present, besides a good turn out of members, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary, and W. Bros. Wilby, of Humber, and Rice, of Stanley lodges. Two excellent candidates were initiated, the first by the regular officers, in a creditable manner, although some of them show the need of more practice. I would compliment, however, Bro. G. Aymer, the J. D., with whose work I was greatly pleased. The second candidate was taken in hand by W. Bro. R. A. Montgomery, I. P. M., that splendid fellow and excellent Mason—a tower of strength to this lodge, assisted by V. W. Bro. Carleton and W. Bro. Wilby, all of whom did the work in their usual masterly style. I wish to mention my regret at time not permitting Bro. R. E. Port, the J. W., to give his lecture, as I am sure it would have been a treat, he being, as is well known, a phenomenal ritualist. Bro. Geo. S. Brown is an excellent Secretary and his books are well kept. Those of us who had to return to the city were obliged to forego the pleasure of joining the brethren of Mimico at the refreshment table, which we very sincerely regretted, the reputation of this lodge for sociability being very high. A beginning has been made in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, nine brethren having subscribed, and three of them have paid \$9.00. The W. M. assures me this is likely to increase. There is no fear for the future of this lodge, and my visit to it was a genuine pleasure.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto; W. Bro. Jas. Leach, W. M.: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of the 6th of April. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. I was accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, and W. Bro. Segsworth, W. M. of Wilson Lodge, and W. Bro. R. A. Montgomery, I. P. M. of Mimico lodge, were also present. One candidate was initiated, the work being well done, with a fine musical accompaniment. V. W. Bro. E. J. Voss has been Secretary for years, and is a most painstaking and thorough officer. His books are models. The finances are in good shape, harmony prevails, and the outlook most encouraging. The S. C. B. Fund has not been forgotten, over \$100 having been subscribed and paid. The brethren present experienced the well known hospitality of Alpha lodge at a splendid banquet, given after the regular work of the evening had been disposed

of. I also spent a very pleasant evening at Alpha lodge on the 6th of October, the occasion being their P. M's night. W. Bro. Isaacs was in the chair, and he and all the other P. M's showed that they have not grown weary in well doing so far, at least, as Masonic work is concerned. On the 1st of May this lodge tendered a reception to one of its own P. M's, R. W. Bro. the Hon. J. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M. of this district and speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario. I had the pleasure of being present. The function was a most elaborate one and highly successful in every way. The addresses of R. W. Bros. St. John and Aubrey White were features.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction; W. Bro. W. L. Joy, W. M.: I officially visited this lodge for the purpose of inspection at its regular meeting held on the 4th of April. I was accompanied by my secretary, V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, and among the visitors, of whom there was a goodly number present, I was delighted to greet R. W. Bro. the Hon. J. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. The first degree was worked in a creditable manner, the musical accompaniment, too, being very nice. The books are well kept, Bro. Harris being a most careful and efficient Secretary. The lodge is in a good position financially, and with such an efficient set of officers, and an exceptionally fine body of P. M's, is bound to succeed. Indeed, it feels so strong that it is cheerfully consenting to the formation of another lodge in the town. There is room for both. The brethren of this lodge are most hospitable, and a very pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table, where R. W. Bro. St. John gave, as is usual with him, a most eloquent address, and some capital songs were sung by Bro. Hill and others. This lodge has done well in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, over \$100 having been subscribed and paid. I also visited Stanley lodge on its P. M's night, November 22, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto; W. Bro. A. L. E. Davies, W. M.: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of the 27th February. There was an excellent attendance both of members and visiting brethren. I was very pleased to see R. W. Bros. L. K. Cameron, G. R.; J. B. Nixon, P. D. D. G. M.; E. C. Davies, P. G. R.;

V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary, and W. Bros. J. C. West and B. Cairns, W. M's respectively of Occident and Orient lodges. The first degree was exemplified in an almost faultless manner, I never having seen, nor do I ever expect to see, the work better done. The teachings of the degree were not only most impressively conveyed, but nearly every detail of ritual was carefully observed. The lodge, too, possesses a magnificent choir, which adds greatly to the effect of the work and the enjoyment of the brethren at the fourth degree. There is a splendid body of P. M's connected with this lodge, the Secretary's books are excellently kept, the finances are in the best of shape, and the increase in membership something phenomenal. W. Bro. Davies is an ideal presiding officer, and I consider that no lodge in the district has better prospects. I also visited this lodge on the 28th November, being members' night, and the occasion of the annual election of officers. I was sorry that my old and valued personal friend, W. Bro. J. R. Code, then W. M. of the lodge, had been suddenly called out of the city on business that afternoon and was consequently not present, but his place was ably taken by W. Bro. T. McQueen, then I. P. M., and a most enjoyable evening was spent. I have no report before me at present as to what is being done by this lodge in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, but W. Bro. Davies informed me he would make it a personal matter, which I am satisfied insures its success. I should not close this report without congratulating W. Bro. Davies on his publication of a new musical ritual, which I understand has received the highest praise from those competent to judge. I must thank him for a beautifully bound copy of his work.

Peel Lodge, U. D., Caledon East; W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, W. M.: This lodge was inaugurated in June, 1904, by my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis (whose memory is very green among the brethren), and is still working under dispensation. I made my official visit on the evening of the 12th May. There was a good turnout of members, and W. Bros. Bolton and York, of True Blue Lodge, Bolton, were also present. W. Bro. Leavens, a very zealous Mason, and efficient officer, is also a P. M. of True Blue. The first degree was worked in a really excellent manner, the Secretary's books are well kept, a number of applications are coming in, and

the prospects are that this will become the largest and most active lodge in that part of the country. I think this lodge intends doing something towards the S. C. B. Fund, but I have no definite report.

Victoria Lodge, U. D., Toronto Junction; W. Bro. W. J. Sheppard, W. M.: I am pleased to be able to report that, the necessary formalities having been complied with, I was able to recommend the granting of a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge in this town. The M. W. the G. M. was pleased to grant the prayer of the petition, and on the evening of the 19th of June I attended at Stanley Lodge room, where Victoria is to meet, for the purpose of inaugurating the new lodge. I was kindly assisted in this by R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, District Secretary. Notwithstanding the intense heat the lodge room was crowded, and the very greatest interest was manifested in the proceedings. I requested the following brethren to act until the officers of the new lodge should take their places: W. Bros. Jas. Haywood, W. M. of Zetland Lodge, as S. W.; R. F. Segsworth, W. M. of Wilson Lodge, as J. W.; J. G. Musson, W. M. of Mimico Lodge, as S. D.; B. Cairns, W. M. of Orient Lodge, as J. D.; James Leach, W. M. of Alpha Lodge, as I. G., and Wilson Wilby, P. M. of Humber Lodge, as Chaplain. After the usual ceremony had been performed, and the various officers placed in their respective positions, Bro. E. R. Rogers, the newly appointed Secretary, read a most interesting and instructive paper, illustrating in a Masonic way various periods in the life of our late beloved Queen, after whom the lodge is named. The effort was highly original, and certainly one of the best I have ever heard. Bro. Rogers deserves sincere congratulations. After W. Bro. Sheppard and his officers had opened and closed in the second and third degrees, the brethren did me the great honor of electing me a life member of the lodge, an honor which I prize very highly and for which I thank them most sincerely. Eight applications were received for affiliation and twenty-one for initiation. An exceptionally pleasant time was spent at the banquet table. The reputation of the brethren of Victoria lodge in this regard is evidently going to be of the highest. With such a presiding officer as W. Bro. Sheppard, and such officers to assist him as R. W. Bro. Dr. R. R. Hopkins, I.

P. M.; W. Bro. J. Haggas, Chaplain, and W. Bro. F. J. White, Treasurer, Victoria lodge starts on its career under the most favorable auspices, and I am sure every brother in the district wishes it every success.

In conclusion I would again express my sincere thanks to my brethren for their kindness, and the hope that our noble Order may ever continue to be, what I believe it to be now, one of the most powerful influences for good in our beloved native land.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. J. B. DUNCAN, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto District No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Toronto District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1901, to June 24th, 1905.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Confid	Affiliations.	Restorations	Resignations.	N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.	
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.		Regular.	Emergent.	Total.																								
22	King Solo'n	Toronto	246	26	11	18	23	30	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	3	4	4	11	4	15	55	334	72	64	\$	344	00	Dec., 1904	Good	Yes	Fully
54	Vaughan	Maple	39	1	1	5	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	18	8	00	21	85	00	Dec. 28, '04	Good	Yes	\$180 00		
65	Reho boam	Toronto	285	26	14	21	22	18	3	2	5	3	3	3	2	5	3	6	11	16	27	67	199	40	23	215	30	June 20, '05	Good	Yes	100 00	
86	Wilson	Toronto	224	13	16	13	15	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	6	11	3	13	57	200	00	39	450	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	250 00	
98	True Blue.	Bolton	60	6	1	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	62	00	July, 1904	Fair	Yes	900 00		
118	Union	Schenberg	24	7	7	6	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	00	June 24, '04	Good	Yes	800 00	
156	York	North Toronto	113	16	14	13	11	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	10	6	16	25	15	00	33	191	25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	250 00	
229	Ionie	Brampton	77	7	6	5	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	9	5	14	20	7	50	1	18	00	June 23 '05	Good	Yes	400 00
247	Ashler	Toronto	263	6	7	12	14	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	103	50	Dec. 27, '04	Excellent	Yes	250 00	
265	Patterson	Thornhill	47	3	1	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	Dec. 24, '04	Good	Yes	200 00	
292	Robertson	King	38	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	250 00	
305	Humber	Weston	59	6	5	3	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	50	June, 1905	Good	Yes	150 00	
311	Black wood	Woodbridge	47	5	5	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	9	11	20	122	00	Dec., 1904	Good	Yes	500 00			
326	Zachand	Toronto	24	25	21	25	21	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	10	6	16	110	3	40	Dec. 23, '04	Excellent	Yes	Trust			
346	Occident	Toronto	213	31	17	23	26	26	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	11	9	20	50	50	412	25	June 24, '04	Good	Yes	500 00		
356	River Park	Streetsville	37	2	6	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Dec., 1904	Good	Yes	1000 00
369	Minico	Lambton Mills	83	7	4	6	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Dec. 24, '04	Good	Yes	1000 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	287	27	37	32	35	3	3	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	282	30	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	1000 00
426	Stanley	Toronto Junct.	232	16	15	11	14	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	259	25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	1000 00	
438	Harmony.	Toronto	278	29	31	31	29	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Dec. 31, '04	Excellent	Yes	Fully
UD	Peel	Caledon East.	31	31	16	11	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	360	00	Dec. 31, '04	Good	Yes	200 00	

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my official report on the condition and progress of Masonry in oronto East District No. 11a for the Masonic year ending June 24, 1905.

I will take this opportunity to express to the brethren of the district my warm appreciation of their expression of confidence in electing me to the high and important position of D. D. G. M., and to say to them that I am thankful that I have not failed in making a sincere attempt to carry out the promises made at my election that my best efforts would be put forth to attend to the duties of this important office with diligence and attention, and I conscientiously believe I have done so, but with what benefit to the Craft I know not, but I do hope I have been in some small measure instrumental in improving the exemplification of the work, and better still in the direction of inculcating a higher and nobler Masonic life.

I am deeply grateful to all the brethren for their cordiality to me in my visits and at all times. I met with great kindness everywhere, and especially in my visits outside the city, for there it was a case of a hearty shake hands and a personal talk with nearly every member present. In fact, it may be properly said that with the exception of a few of the smaller lodges, the lodges of this district require but little of the time and attention of the D. D. G. M. other than a formal visit as the official representative of the Grand Master and what they are pleased to call his patronage at their several functions. These large gatherings were very frequent and unprecedentedly magnificent in the city of Toronto owing the popularity and great acquaintance of our Grand Master and his residence in our midst. I had, of course, invitations to all these affairs, and attended with many other present and

past Grand Lodge officers to assist in doing honor to the chief of our beloved Order.

On September 2 my mother lodge, St. George, No. 367, tendered me a most hearty reception.

On September 20th I accompanied my lodge to Tonowanda, N. Y., by special train, on a return visit to Sutherland lodge of that place, and assisted the officers of St. George lodge in exemplifying the third degree. It is needless to say the hospitality of the American brethren was boundless and the great sociability of the evening beyond description.

On September 21st I attended Brock lodge, Cannington, to assist in doing honor to W. Bro. Thos. Foster, who was presented with a P. M. jewel, and to Bro. John Houston, Treasurer for 25 years (just returned from a visit to the old land), who was presented with a gold locket and a beautiful illuminated address. I made the visit official and witnessed the first work of the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Hart, who initiated a candidate. I promised the lodge another visit, which is recorded in another part of this report, and pointed out the changes in the work. The work was fairly well done, as also the opening and closing in the other degrees. A banquet was given at the Bennett House.

On September 23rd I was pleased to attend the military night of Zeta Lodge, No. 410. The chairs were all occupied by officers of the 12th Battalion, York Rangers, W. Bro. Col. J. T. Thompson as W. M.; R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M. (Newmarket), as S. W.; W. Bro. D. A. Radcliff (Aurora), as J. W., etc. The night was a most auspicious and memorable one.

On September 27th I attended the reception to the Grand Master in Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto; in Wilson Lodge, No. 86, October 18th; in Occident Lodge, No. 346, October 19th, which included a reception also to my colleague, R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, D. D. G. M. District No. 11; in Ionic Lodge, No. 25, November 1st; in Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, November 3rd; in Zetland Lodge, No. 326 (P. G. M's night), February 24th.

I attended many at-homes, including Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, at King Edward Hotel, January 26th; Georgina Lodge, No. 343, January 27th; St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, February 3rd; Doric Lodge, No. 316, February 24th, and many other events of like nature. I set out in this

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report to be as brief as possible, and I will not take up your valuable and limited time in accounting certain matters at as much length as I would like to but only to mention them for record.

I appointed W. Bro. L. Herbert Luke as District Secretary. He assisted me materially, being convenient and always obliging and courteous in whatever he was called upon to do, and firstly, in the preparation of my circular in pamphlet form to the lodges, which contained also reference and instructions regarding the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, I attach a copy of the publication and at the time of issue I sent copies to all D. D. G. M's and the principal officers of the Grand Lodge:

COMMUNICATION FROM D. D. G. M. TORONTO 11a DISTRICT.

To be Read in Open Lodge.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members in Toronto East District, No. 11a :

Brethren : At the Forty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in Brockville on 21st July, 1904, your representatives and Past Masters elected me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for this flourishing and important district of Toronto East, and I feel deeply the high honor and serious responsibility of the great trust committed to my care.

I fail to find words sufficient to express my appreciation of so great a distinction, but I shall endeavor to perform my duties, with your kind assistance and co-operation, in a manner and in a spirit as did my worthy predecessors, and with a view of maintaining the high standard of Masonic work, conduct and life which has attained at the present time generally throughout our whole jurisdiction, and which was the subject of much congratulation by the Sub-Committee on Condition of Masonry. This eminent Committee concluded its report with the following words : "We are gaining in numerical strength beyond all expectations, the character and reputation of the Craft still stands four square to all the winds that blow. We have done much for the suffering and distressed, and we are hoping to extend this good work. Thirty-three thousand men of character bound together for the purpose of promoting peace, harmony and friendship ought to be a tremendous power for good. Let us recognize our responsibilities, and by every means possible endeavor to strengthen and extend the usefulness of our beloved Order."

I was duly installed, informed in portions of our unwritten work, and have now begun the active discharge of the duties of my office.

Pursuant to resolution passed at the district meeting to appoint a committee to procure a suitable testimonial for my

worthy predecessor, I appointed : W. Bros. Gillies, of Orient Lodge; H. Meadows, of St. George Lodge; T. Malcolm, of Zeta Lodge; W. J. Sykes, of Georgina Lodge; H. T. Smith, of St. Andrew's Lodge (the latter the Convener).

This committee have already commenced their duty, and I have no doubt that their work will be made easy and pleasant by the prompt and appreciative response on the part of every lodge.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without paying some tribute to R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, who has preceded me in this office, and to say of him that he was most indefatigable, zealous and earnest in his work, and his name will be cherished for years to come throughout our entire district.

I have called to the position of District Secretary W. Bro. L. Herbert Luke, W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, and he has accepted the office. His address is 156 Yonge street (Ambrose Kent & Sons), is easy of access to both myself and the brethren, and I believe very well known to most of our membership. Letters upon business of the district should be addressed to him.

I may cause the appointment of a District Chaplain at a little later date.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I will follow to some extent what has been the custom and visit the lodges this year whose installation of officers was held in June last, and the lodges whose officers will be installed in the month of December next will receive my official attention between February and May of next year, but of course this is subject to variation. I ask the Worshipful Masters to communicate with me in this connection.

RENDITION OF WORK AND LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

From the reports of my predecessors in office and from personal knowledge, the lodges all seem to be well officered, and the esoteric work in nearly every instance correctly rendered. It only remains for me to enjoin a reverent and an impressive delivery, a close attention to elocutionary rules. The holding of Lodges of Instruction is again urged as being very useful and important, and the Board recommends that each D. D. G. M. should hold one or more. I would request the Worshipful Masters in the district, especially the portion outside the city, to favor me with their views on holding such joint meetings.

I will simply mention a few further matters, as I must refer somewhat more fully to a very important subject and for which I have delayed this communication.

The few matters are : Promptness in opening the lodge ; celerity in despatch of general business ; insure lodge effects ; keep up fraternal visitation, as it tends to perfection and uniformity in work ; encourage the social side of Masonry, and make this feature select. I recommend "at-homes," festivals and concerts. I also strongly favor attending church

together as Masons, evincing the close connection of Masonry and religion ; support and assist your Secretary in the collection of dues and in the reduction of outstandings ; make this year phenomenal in this respect. Restore suspended members and induce non-affiliates to re-join. Attention is hereby directed to clauses 160, 178, 182, 191 and 250 of the Constitution. I would ask the Secretaries to report to me all deaths, giving name, rank , residence, dates of initiation and of death.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

The semi-centennial of our Grand Lodge is to be celebrated at the City of Hamilton at the next meeting in July, 1905, and as one means of fittingly commemorating this auspicious event, and as a thankoffering to the Great Architect of the Universe for the blessings of peace and prosperity which have been bestowed upon us so richly, the Grand Lodge has undertaken unanimously to raise as expeditiously as possible a fund as above named and which will be administered by Grand Lodge solely for benevolent purposes.

There are 33,000 Masons in good standing in Ontario, and they are asked to contribute \$3 each, which means about 2 cents per week for 3 years, a sum which will not demand very much self-denial.

The establishment of this fund is simply to provide a permanent fund which will at all times be available for the relief of needy and afflicted brethren and dependants, and to supplement the Grand Lodge grants which have been annually the source of so much joy and comfort to the poor and penniless, and also a practical application of the impression made upon us at the N. E. angle during our initiation. As there are sure to be some who through neglect or other cause will not respond promptly, it is left to any member who feels that he can contribute a larger amount than \$3, that he will do so, and so make up the deficiency of a certain few. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master is personally concerned that this movement shall be entirely successful, and for uniformity and systematic organization, which will contribute to success, each D. D. G. M. has been directed to form a District Committee, which will elect officers, and the Treasurer of the District Committee will receive the contributions from the private lodges.

Accordingly, the following brethren were called by me to form this committee, and as far as I know at present all have kindly consented :

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, Secretary-Treasurer Toronto Public Schools.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, Richmond Hill.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, W. Bro. S. Sykes, 18 King street west, Toronto.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, W. Bro. D. Chisholm, 14 Langley avenue, Toronto.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, W. Bro. J. B. Gould, Markham, Ont.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, W. Bro. B. F. Pearson, M.D., Queensville, Ont.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, W. Bro. J. R. Y. Broughton, Newmarket, Ont.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, W. Bro. D. A. Radcliffe, Aurora, Ont.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, W. Bro. W. Stark, Stouffville, Ont.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, W. Bro. Jackson Little, Temperance street, Toronto.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, Uxbridge, Ont.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, W. Bro. R. E. Forsyth, Claremont, Ont.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, W. Bro. Wm. Macartney, City Hall, Toronto.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, W. Bro. A. Gillies, 57 Seaton street, Toronto.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, W. Bro. W. J. Sykes, 344 College street, Toronto.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, W. Bro. Hugh Wilson, Cannington, Ont.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, W. Bro. Frank Saunders, 52 Leonard avenue, Toronto.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. T. Thompson, 301 Givings street, Toronto.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, W. Bro. Dillingham, Pickering, Ont.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, W. Bro. Dr. Walters, East Toronto.

The committee was called together on 27th September in Temple Building, Toronto, and elected me as Chairman, R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, Treasurer, and W. Bro. Jackson Little, Secretary, with W. Bro. L. Herbert Luke, District Secretary, as Associate Secretary.

You will notice in the formation of this District Committee each lodge is represented. The Grand Master has made the D. D. G. M. of each district responsible for the proper carrying on of the work, and it is in this connection I address myself to each lodge and to each representative, knowing your zeal and attachment for the welfare of our time-honored institution, and in the confidence that each and all will assist me in what is without doubt one of the best schemes that has ever been submitted to the brethren throughout the whole province.

To those of the committee and to the Wor. Masters, let me say, your duties are paramount with mine in this connection, so is also the duty of each member. Further, each representative is to endeavor to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the object of the work, the objects of the committee to which he belongs and personally to superintend and organize with the assistance of his lodge officers, Past Masters and workers, a systematic canvass so that no Mason in this District will be given an opportunity of saying that he was not directly requested to aid in this noble and heaven-born work.

Let me quote in part a personal letter from the Grand Master: "I have no doubt that if the brethren you have named as District Committee take the matter up promptly and each one select a certain number of brethren of his own lodge to canvass every member of that lodge, they can without diffi-

culty before the 24th June next get more than the amount asked for. No doubt some would give \$25, others \$10, some \$5 at one time and be done with it, rather than \$1 to \$5 a year for three years. Now that this fund is put on a proper basis and approved by Grand Lodge, I am anxious that at least \$50,000 be paid in by July 1st, 1905."

In conclusion I request that subscription lists be opened where not already done, and that each Master, Secretary or member or District Committee, the latter in particular, keep me fully posted by letter of what is being done, of the progress of the work month by month in their local station, and what may be further necessary for its success, so that the District Committee may carry out their instructions in reporting to the Grand Secretary. The names and addresses of the local committees are also requested by the Grand Secretary through the District Secretary.

I regret the length of this communication, but the importance of the object must not suffer to brevity or the taking up of your time. I trust that your efforts may be crowned with abundant and brilliant success.

I thank you again for your confidence, and my sincere and constant aim will be to endeavor by every means in my power to prove myself worthy of that confidence. I rely on the sympathy, forbearance and fraternal instincts of my brethren.

There are three lessons I would write,
Three words, as with a burning pen,
In tracings of eternal light,
Upon the hearts of men.

Have Hope. Though clouds environ round,
And gladness hides her face in scorn,
Put off the shadows from thy brow,
No night but hath its morn.

Have Faith. Where'er thy barque is driven—
The calm's disport the tempest's mirth—
Know this: God rules the hosts of heaven,
The inhabitants of the earth.

Have Love. Love not alone for one,
But man, as man, thy brother call;
And scatter, like a circling sun,
Thy charities on all.

Cordially and fraternally yours.

JOHN. J. THOMPSON,

D. D. G. M.

PRESENTATION OF REGALIA TO P. D. D. G. M.

The following committee, namely, W. Bros. A. Gillies, T. Malcolm, H. Meadows, W. J. Sykes and H. T. Smith, the latter convener and secretary, in accordance with a resolution passed at the district meeting, were appointed by me to attend at the usual presentation made in this dis-

trict yearly to the retiring D. D. G. M. These brethren promptly carried out their duty, the lodges all generously responding, with the result that on October 7th, at the regular meeting of St. George Lodge, No. 367, R. W. Bro. Nicholls was made the recipient of a handsome set of regalia befitting his rank. A most enjoyable evening was spent and several lodges were represented thereat by their Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and a large concourse of brethren, Richmond lodge, the Masonic home of the R. W. brother, being well represented.

BY-LAWS.

The following lodges obtained approval to changes in their by-laws: St. Andrew's, No. 16; Ionic, No. 25; St. John's, No. 75; Zeta, No. 410, and Acacia, No. 430. In addition, Ionic, No. 25, a complete new set of by-laws.

DISPENSATIONS.

Under Clause No. 70 I granted dispensation to Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, on their unanimous request, to initiate without fee a person to act as Tyler in their lodge.

On July 15th I granted permission to Sharon Lodge, No. 97, on their application, to permit removal from their present lodge rooms at Sharon to as suitable premises at Queensville near by and in the same district, believing same to be distinctively to the benefit of Grand Lodge and the improving of the attendance at its meetings.

I forwarded requests to the Grand Lodge for dispensations from several of the lodges to hold at-homes and other affairs as provided for by the Constitution, all of which were granted promptly and kindly. Necessary fees were sent with each request.

RULINGS.

Aurora, No. 129—Question of jurisdiction.

Stevenson, No. 218—Ruled against the W. M. in an appeal made by a member of the lodge. The lodge by-laws covered the question.

Brock, No. 354—Re-admission of candidates for initiation and affiliation. The duties of the W. M. and the committee on character covered by Clauses 212, 213, 214 and 223 of the Constitution.

Several other matters came before me, but I do not deem it necessary to refer to them.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Two years having passed without a Lodge of Instruction being held in this district, and the Board on the Condition of Masonry, R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, chairman (and Mr. White was a particularly circumspect chairman), deploring the falling away in the number of such meetings, they being excellent schools against inaccuracies, innovations and careless work, I decided on holding one or more of them as could be arranged in this busy district with so much work always to be done and so many large and important gatherings of the Craft from week to week. The recent changes in the work, which required promulgating among the several lodges, was also another reason which I had in mind.

I arranged with the oldest lodge under my care, namely St. Andrew's, No. 16, which lodge very kindly and with care and attention exemplified the first degree on October 11th, at which meeting there was a large attendance of brethren. I feel greatly indebted to the following officers and Past Masters who assisted them for their valuable services in the carrying out of the work in such a perfect manner: W. Bro. L. H. Luke, W. M.; Bros. Rev. Dr. J. Burwash, S. W.; J. W. Rogers, J. W.; Dr. Reynar, Chaplain; R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, Treasurer; W. Bro. J. T. Slater, Secretary; Bros. H. E. Irwin, J. D.; A. Maccomb, I. G.; R. G. Staples, Organist. W. Bros. J. S. Lovell, W. F. Chapman and C. W. Woodland, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait in an excellent manner exemplified a Board of Trial. The choir of the lodge sang admirably the musical part of the ceremony, assisted by Bros. Percy Coward, W. N. Shaver and C. A. Bell.

Another successful Lodge of Instruction was held on December 5th, when St. John's Lodge, No. 75, exemplified the third degree in a most excellent manner, and I am also indebted to the following well-skilled brethren: W. Bros. C. E. Howarth, W. M.; D. Chisholm, I. P. M.; Bro. A. Fraser, S. W.; J. H. Wilson, J. W.; Jos. King, Chaplain; R. R. Davis, Treasurer; J. G. Gladman, Secretary; W. D. Greer, S. D.; W. S. Jackson, J. D., and the following Past Masters: W. Bros. H. S. King, J. G. Boyce, M. Leverty, J. H. McKinnon and others. The W. M's and officers of several other lodges were present and a large number of visiting brethren.

The Lodge of Instruction held at Aurora on April 7th was for the benefit of the brethren in that part of the district, and the particulars of this meeting will be found in the report of my official visit to Rising Sun lodge.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

As enjoined by the instructions contained in the official circular issued by the Central Committee on this important matter, I proceeded immediately with the work assigned me and gave it my personal and official attention by appointing a District Committee to convene on September 27th at the Temple Building, Toronto, for the purpose of organization and the further work of establishing local committees in each lodge. The city lodges were fairly well represented, but the lodges outside, with the exception of Richmond, by R. W. Bro. Nicholls, were represented only by letters from delegates promising to do what might be asked of them. Following this meeting I issued the pamphlet attached to this report and sent copies to each lodge and to each representative, also each D. D. G. M. and each of the Central Committee. I may say I received pleasant acknowledgment of this pamphlet from several distinguished members of the Craft which amply repaid me for any time and labor it may have cost. Full instructions regarding organization, as you know, were given, and the objects plainly set forth and brought before each lodge.

I endeavored, of course, in all my visits, and whenever opportunity afforded, to bring the matter before the brethren. Without taking up your time too long in further detail, just let me mention that pursuant to the request from the Grand Secretary, dated February 13th, to report on what was done by each lodge, I issued a circular letter to W. M's and representatives for a full account of their stewardship in this connection, and besides full information and answers to four questions, namely: Amount collected, amount subscribed but not collected, amount forwarded to Grand Secretary, amount held by lodges. In addition to circular I found it necessary to write personally to some of the representatives in order to have their reports for the meeting of Central Committee on February 24th, and as a result I was able to lay before the latter meeting a full report of the work to that date in each lodge.

I now lay before you briefly a report to June 30, 1905, of the fund, as I have been able to obtain it from each lodge:

St. Andrew's, No. 16—Amount subscribed, \$189; \$100 collected and remitted. The brethren have not responded to the appeals made as could be desired, and it is perhaps that the canvassing of members was not quite as thoroughly done as it might have been. The next report, it is expected, will be a better showing than this.

Richmond, No. 23—\$16 collected; will try and increase this amount during next year.

Ionic, No. 25—Particularly commendable. Subscribed \$1,136.59, an average of \$4.40 per member; prompt and businesslike in all correspondence; credit due W. Bro. S. Sykes as representative, and Bro. H. M. Mowat, Secretary, and to the lodge in general.

St. John's, No. 75—Only \$51 collected, and this amount was sent about July 5th.

Markham Union, No. 87—Remitted \$58, being more than I expected at the present time, so many brethren having removed to a distance it is difficult to reach them for subscriptions of this kind. W. Bros. G. A. Davison, W. B. Gould and R. A. Mason were active in this connection.

Sharon, No. 97—\$4 sent with annual report. W. Bro. Dr. Pearson, Secretary, will try and collect further.

Tuscan, No. 99—No response to appeals.

Rising Sun, No. 129—This lodge expects to give some account of itself next year when lodge building will have been paid for.

Richardson, No. 136—Ten active brethren subscribed \$1 each, which amount was remitted to Grand Secretary. W. Bro. Shankel, Secretary, informs me he hopes to realize more next year on promises already made and further canvass.

Stevenson, No. 218—W. Bro. Jackson Little, representative and chairman of committee, has been active as possible. The amount collected last year to date is \$75, and the balance to make this and perhaps more to be remitted after their July meeting, July 10th.

Zeredatha, No. 220—No response to appeal as yet.

Brougham Union, No. 269—Same as Zeredatha. No concertive action and no active leader.

Doric, No. 316—Over \$200 subscribed, only \$85 collected, and I have requested that it be remitted as prompt-

ly as possible. Would be sent about July 6th. This lodge and others who have collected small amounts in comparison to the lodge will continue the work.

Orient, No. 339—\$119 remitted. W. Bro. Gillies was very active as chairman of the lodge committee on the fund.

Georgina, No. 343—Bro. C. E. Tyrrell, who has been recently looking after matters in this connection for the W. M., W. Bro. W. J. Sykes, has just remitted \$202.85 to the Grand Secretary, which I consider a very good sum for the activity shown. The lodge could do more and no doubt will.

Brock, No. 354—Lodge dues have been raised \$1 per year for three years, the first installment of which will not be due until December 31st next.

St. George, No. 367—This lodge organized thoroughly and made good canvass. Result thus far \$155, which has been remitted. A further amount will be realized. W. Bro. F. Saunders is chairman of local committee and a very energetic member.

Zeta, No. 410—Collected \$101.20; remitted July 4th, 1904, \$50.20. Balance, \$51, forwarded July 1st, 1905. A further sum of \$57, subscribed but not yet collected. W. Bro. Col. Thompson, chairman of committee, and W. Bro. A. E. Faulds, Secretary of the lodge, both very active on this matter.

Doric, No. 424, Pickering—Very little energy displayed and no results to my knowledge. Small membership and very scattered.

Acacia, No. 430, East Toronto—Will send \$28 at my request, being the amount collected at last meeting (which I attended), which the Grand Secretary will have early in July. On 5th July I urged them again to remit the \$28 collected.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

For the information of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, I have endeavored as far as possible to procure a complete list of the names of our deceased brethren who during the year just closed have passed from this transitory life, and whom we hope to meet and greet amongst the innumerable host in the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16.—Bro. Wm. P. Sutton,

died October 14th, 1904; Bro. Wm. H. Smith, died November 20th, 1904; Bro. Arthur H. Sinclair, died February 12th, 1905.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25.—M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, P. G. M., April 24th, 1905; W. Bro. John G. Robinson, November 3rd, 1904; Bro. James Richmond, M. M., September 8th, 1904; Bro. Joseph H. Mead, M. M., April 18th, 1905;

St. John's Lodge, No. 75.—Bro. H. G. Laurence, September 22nd, 1904; Bro. T. B. Mishaw, September 29th, 1904; Bro. Wm. Dixon, October 4th, 1904; Bro. David Walker, January 26th, 1905; Bro. W. B. Short, February 3rd, 1905.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97.—W. Bro. Geo. H. Wright, Treasurer of the lodge for 19 years, died April 7th, 1905, and was buried April 9th with Masonic honors in Queensville cemetery; was also a member of Doric Chapter, Newmarket.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99.—Bro. Jas. Sykes, W. M., died March 3rd, 1905.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129.—W. Bro. Jas. McCloskey died February 16th, 1905, a few hours after meeting with an accident by being drawn into a machine at the tannery at Aurora. Buried with Masonic honors on Sunday, 19th. His widow and a large family of small children survive him.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218.—Bro. J. C. B. Gough, died December 21st, 1904; Bro. Wm. Beatty, died February 24th, 1905; Bro. Wm. Hall, died April 6th, 1905; Bro. Albert J. Mason, died April 17th, 1905; Bro. Wm. Stitt, died May 28th, 1905; Bro. Wm. Wood, died June 17th, 1905.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220.—Bro. Jas. Hird, aged 52, died October 4th, 1904.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto.—W. Bro. W. J. Cameron, P. M., died December 25th, 1904; Bro. G. S. McConkey, died September 27th, 1904; R. W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh, P. G. S. W., died October 26th, 1904.

Orient Lodge, No. 339.—W. Bro. D. J. Kelly, P. M., died July 19th, 1904, in Pemoka, Alberta, Masonic funeral to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto; Bro. Geo. McWilliam, died November 26th, 1904; Bro. Frank Wismer, died February 1st, 1905; Bro. C. F. Phillips, died April 10th, 1905.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343.—R. W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh, P. G. S. W., Died October 26th, 1904; Bro. Henry Cooking, died January 2nd, 1905; V. W. Bro. A. B. Cordingly, Grand Standard Bearer, died June 17th, 1905.

Brock Lodge, No. 354.—W. Bro. Hugh Wilson, P. M., died April 4th, 1905. An old and active P. M. up to his death. A great loss to his lodge and to the town of Cannington, where he has been a very successful merchant. He attended Grand Lodge at Brockville last year.

Ct. George Lodge, No. 367.—Bro F. J. Idenden, M. M., died June 29th, 1904; Bro. Dr. Wm. S. Fraleigh, M. M., died August 19th, 1904; Bro. H. J. Corin, J. S., died January 17th, 1905.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410.—Bro. Wm. Thos. Armstrong, a F. C., died, December 22nd, 1904.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering.—Bro. John Leslie, M. M., died March 20th, 1905. Was Tyler for many years and up to the time of his death.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16., Toronto: I visited this lodge officially on March 14th, and the meeting was most interesting. There were upwards of 70 members present, including R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bros. C. E. Howarth, W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 75; Arthur Pearson, W. M. Doric Lodge, No. 316; Jas. Haywood, W. M. of Zetland Lodge, No. 326, accompanied by officers, members, and several P. M's. This lodge has for many years received very favorable report, and this one is no exception; in fact, the work was most impressively delivered, and this can be perhaps better understood when I further mention the brethren to whom the work of this lodge is intrusted during this year. W. Bro. J. Burwash, of Victoria University, W. M.; Bro. A. W. Hagerman, S. W.; Bro. Geo. A. Kingston, J. W.; W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Reynar, Chaplain; Bro. H. E. Irwin, J. D.; Bro. A. Maccomb, I. G. I should mention the assistance given by R. W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson and Jas. Glanville, W. Bros. Lovell, Chapman, H. T. Smith, J. Pearson and L. H. Luke. I might mention several other active and distinguished workers associated with this lodge. The Secretary, W. Bro. J. T. Slater, deserves special mention as in previous reports. There are none better and but few his equal. The choir, under the

leadership of Bro. F. A. Bowden, is a large and excellent one. Bro. W. N. Shaver rendered very appropriate solos. The first degree was beautifully exemplified for my inspection. Nothing more remains to be said excepting that the time was profitably spent at the refreshment table, everything said and done thereat has its tendency in the direction to be desired. This lodge very kindly exemplified the first degree at my request at its November meeting by a selected staff of officers and Past Masters, the object being to include the several changes made recently in the work for the information of the Craft in the city generally.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: I visited this old and well known lodge on the evening of December 19th, 1904, and was welcomed by W. Bro. D. Hill, W. M., and introduced by R. W. Bro. A. H. Nicholls, my immediate predecessor in office. Among the visitors present were: W. Bros. J. T. Saigen, J. H. Kirby and R. Rumble, P. M's of Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, and Bro. Bailey, the J. W. of same lodge. There were 20 members present and quite a number of visitors. The third degree was presented for my inspection. The hand of R. W. Bro. Nicholls was apparent in many parts of the work, as, being the D. D. G. M. before me, he had full knowledge of how work should be done. It was presented in a correct manner, or very nearly so. It was the first time that the W. M. had worked the degree, and he showed that he had given it much attention. The Wardens did their work well, as also the S. D., Bro. J. Osborne, who had a splendid delivery, and deserves special mention. The W. M. is greatly assisted during his term by W. Bros. Newbery, I. P. M., T. H. French, G. Leck and V. W. Bro. Thos. Newton, not forgetting to again mention R. W. Bro. Nicholls, the able Secretary, who all go to make this lodge very efficient. They have a particularly pleasant, well furnished lodge room and all the necessary utensils in quite an up-to-date way. A banquet was afterwards partaken of at the Palmer House, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: I visited this lodge officially on April 4th at its regular meeting. A distinguished company of brethren was present, including R. W. Bros. Inwood, Brown, Roaf, Morrison, Watson and Aubrey White, P. D. D. G. M's; R. W. Bros. Postleth-

waite and W. G. Eakins, P. G. S. W's; V. W. Bros. Andrew Park, G. S. D.; Harry Leeson, P. G. J. D.; W. Bro. Schoff, W. M. of St. George Lodge, No. 367, his officers, several P. M's, and members; W. Bro. R. C. Harris, W. M. of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65; W. Bro. Frank Maile, W. M., officers and members of King Solomon Lodge, No. 22; W. Bro. Howarth, W. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 75, and a large number of visiting brethren. I was presented by R. W. Bro. Eakins and Bro. Eric Armour, D. of C., and received from W. Bro. Dunstan an eloquent address of welcome and a hearty reception throughout. The work submitted for my inspection was the third degree, the candidate, Bro. Owen, being especially well skilled, and to say it was well done is not sufficient commendation. It was most impressively rendered by W. Bro. Dunstan and his efficient staff of officers. There was a proper conception of the work without any appearance of departure from what is laid down. The musical portion was excellent and not overdone, music being introduced only where it seemed effective, impressive and proper. Bro. Ruthven McDonald assisted materially in these exercises. I congratulated this lodge in its work and informed them that I would commend them very highly in my report, also as regards the interest taken in the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, towards which they had at this time already subscribed over \$800, and expect to make their subscription over \$1,000, equivalent to about \$4.50 per member. The funds of this lodge are still ably looked after by R. W. Bro. Postlethwaite, the arrearage of dues on November 20th last being \$21, \$18 of which have since been paid. This lodge has many P. M's actively connected with its workings, and conducive to its strength, progress, good work and success. A most enjoyable time was spent at the refreshment board—excellent music and good speeches, choice refreshments and handsome table decorations. Bro. H. M. Mowat, the efficient Secretary, proves also a good entertainer. The W. M. made an excellent chairman. The whole evening was one of pleasure and considerable profit.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: I experienced great satisfaction with my official visit to this lodge on the 6th of March. There was a large attendance of members, also fraternal visits by the following ruling Masters: W. Bro. Burwash, of St. Andrew's Lodge; W. Bro. Dun-

stan, of Ionic Lodge; W. Bro. Segsworth, of Wilson Lodge; W. Bro. West, of Occident Lodge, and W. Bro. Leach, of Alpha Lodge, who were accompanied by several of their officers and members. I was pleased to have with me R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, D. D. G. M. Toronto West District, and V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, P. G. S. This lodge is equal in every respect to the other city lodges, having a capable set of officers, and it only remained for me to impress upon them the importance of doing the work in a manner to make it impressive and lasting on the person about to be enrolled amongst the members of the Craft. W. Bro. Chas. E. Howarth, W. M.; Bro. Alex. Fraser, S. W.; Bro. J. H. Wilson, J. W., and Bro. W. S. Jackson, J. D., carried out this idea in an almost faultless manner, the work being letter perfect and clearly and carefully rendered. The Inner Guard was not present, being seriously ill. This lodge has a very good choir and good support from several energetic Past Masters. The Secretary and Treasurer are very good officers, and the arrears of dues are light. I referred to the Semi-Centennial Fund in this lodge, as in others visited, and while at the time of my visit but little had been done, I think that this lodge will be well to the front in this as in other good things. A very happy hour was spent at the refreshment board, after which the lodge initiated two more candidates. They have initiated 24 members to this date since last June, and upwards of 12 have been balloted for in addition. I have already referred to the Lodge of Instruction under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, held December 5, 1904.

Markham Lodge, No. 87, Markham: I paid my official visit to this lodge on December 16th, and after being cordially welcomed the lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Dr. Young was passed. Then the lodge opened in the third degree and Bro. Russell, after passing a satisfactory examination, was raised to the third degree. In the work thus presented I could not but congratulate the W. M., W. Bro. G. A. M. Davison, in his efficient rendering of it, and congratulated the lodge on its improvement in its workings since I visited there before, in so much that the official positions are now well filled, the attendance of officers much improved, and apparently much greater interest taken in the work and the affairs of the lodge. Much credit is due the present Master, W. Bro.

Davison, also to W. Bros. Jonathan B. Gould, T. B. Rieve, Treasurer, and R. A. Mason, Secretary, whose books are in excellent order. The arrearage of dues is very small. The lodge owns the building in which it meets and has no liabilities. I pointed out a few of the departures from the exact work and informed the officers that if they had one or two rehearsals these would all disappear and they would have a perfect working lodge. Three petitions for initiation were received and good prospects are in store. R. W. Bro. Van Zant, W. Bros. A. G. Gormley, Albert Reesor and Frank Reesor were also present. Another visitor was R. W. Bro. Francis, P. D. D. G. M. Toronto West District No. 11, who added materially to the interest of the evening. The lodge closed about 11 o'clock and a very nice banquet followed at the Franklin House. The usual toasts were given and good speeches made. The Whitby orchestra of several pieces supplied the music, which was very good, and included piano and mandolin duets, making altogether a most happy and enjoyable fourth degree.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97: My official visit to this lodge was made as arranged with the W. M., W. Bro. W. G. Hill, on April 18th, but unfortunately the W. M. was not present, having gone hastily to the Northwest for a few weeks. This absence also caused a disappointment to many of Tuscan lodge, who had intended accompanying me to Sharon, but had not been made aware in time to do so. It was, however, an ideal night, just about full moon, and the drive of five miles each way with W. Bro. Lepard, of Newmarket, was a treat in itself. I was introduced to many whose names were familiar and whom I had looked forward with pleasure to meeting. The lodge opened promptly at 8 p. m., and I received a cordial welcome from W. Bro. J. T. Power, I. P. M., and those present, and grand honors were heartily given. The following P. M's were in attendance: W. Bro. B. F. Pearson, Secretary; W. Bro. Terry, W. Bro. Milne, Acting S. W.; W. Bro. Willson; W. Bro. B. W. Kitley, the S. D. of this year. Bro. Crittenden was passed to the second degree, but I am sorry to have to report that the work was not as well done as I expected to see. W. Bro. Power, of course, did his work well, as also W. Bro. Terry, who assisted him. Had all the regular officers been in their respective places I have no doubt it would have been much

better, or had the first degree been worked it would have been more creditable. They seemingly were not prepared to confer the second degree, and I pointed out that there should have been at least one rehearsal of the degree, as it was unfair to the candidate. The lodge was opened and closed in the third degree, and this was fairly well done. I must not omit a reference to W. Bro. Dr. Pearson, the very efficient and painstaking Secretary, to whose carefulness, attention to his duties, and his kindly disposition the lodge is very much indebted. If a suitable lodge room can be procured at Queensville they will probably remove to that place, as it would be more convenient to the majority and bring about a better attendance. I referred in my remarks to the Semi-Centennial Fund. Light refreshments were served and the usual toasts honored.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge officially on March 8th, and was presented by R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M., and received a very hearty welcome. Among the visitors present were W. Bro. W. G. Hill, W. M. of Sharon Lodge; W. Bro. C. S. Russell, W. M. of Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora; W. Bro. Hillary, W. Bro. Radcliffe and others from the latter lodge. The third degree was exemplified, Bro. Harvey, an exceptionally good candidate, being raised to the sublime degree. The W. M., W. Bro. H. E. Choppin, was perfect in the rendering of all his work, as was also the S. W., Bro. Morgan. The Senior Deacon being in some distant place, his duties were taken by the J. D., and allowances must accordingly be made, but these changes marred the working of the degree to quite an extent. With a few rehearsals or a little more practice I pointed out that Tuscan lodge would do excellent work. The books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. C. C. Gamble, while the funds are in good hands with A. W. Bro. Bunton. I may remark here that from what I have seen and heard of the Masonic work of this lodge, great care is always exercised in the material used to build up the membership. They welcome and encourage only solid character. They endeavor to make good men better and not to make better men from poor material. A very pleasant time was spent, and for "post prandial" oratory R. W. Bro. Bunton certainly is well to the front. Perfect harmony and steady progress mark the career of Tuscan lodge.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: I had arranged to visit this lodge and hold a Lodge of Instruction on March 3rd, but the sad death by a distressing accident of W. Bro. McCluskey, P. M., the visit was postponed to April 7th. The lodge was opened at 4 p. m. W. Bro. C. S. Russell and his officers exemplified the second degree, the candidate being Bro. G. A. Pollock, who answered all that was required without prompting. The work showed very much attention in all its details, and was carefully and correctly rendered. The lodge was opened and closed also in the third degree correctly. There was a good attendance of P. M.'s aid members. The Secretary, Bro. C. H. Stone, has his books in good condition, and I was informed that but a very small indebtedness remains on their building (formerly a church), which it is expected will be paid off within a few months. The lodge room is very comfortable and unique, but the ante-rooms are very small. The doors also between the lodge room and ante-room are not sufficient to render the former the safe and secret retreat it should be. Double doors should be provided to prevent interruption. The work was done in somewhat low tone in consequence, but quite audible and none the less effective. At 8 p. m. a Lodge of Instruction was convened, as per circular, and the following Past Masters exemplified the first degree: W. M., W. Bro. D. A. Radcliffe; S. W., W. Bro. J. C. Leadbetter; J. W., W. Bro. F. Baldwin; S. D., W. Bro. Russell; J. D., W. Bro. E. Braund; S. S., W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Stevenson; I. G., W. Bro. Nicol. The work was correct in all its parts and very creditable. I will add that I have never seen work so well done throughout by P. M.'s, and not often as well by regular officers. The third degree was exemplified by the officers of Richmond lodge, W. Bro. David Hill, W. M., occupying the chair, being assisted by W. Bro. Newberry and V. W. Bro. Thomas Newton, P. G. S, the other regular officers of Richmond lodge all being present except the Secretary, R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, P. D. D. G. M., who was too ill to attend, and the J. W., which latter position was well filled by W. Bro. Trench. The third degree was especially well exemplified, as I knew it would be, it having been presented for my inspection on my official visit to that lodge. The meeting was particularly interesting, and I am quite sure it was profitable. It was the original intention to have

the second degree exemplified by Tuscan lodge No. 99, of Newmarket, but it was thought to be too much for one meeting to be comfortable and enjoyable. W. Bro. Choppin, W. M. of Tuscan lodge, and over thirty of his officers and members were present, including R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M., who helped to enliven the proceedings. W. Bro. J. T. Power and others represented Sharon Lodge, No. 97. There were brethren present from Robertson Lodge, No. 292, and Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg, and twenty or more Toronto brethren, having chartered a special car, were also present, including V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D.; W. Bros. Burwash, L. H. Luke, District Secretary; Col. J. T. Thompson (Zeta), C. E. Howarth (St. John's), A. J. Brown and R. J. Gibson (York). Owing to the special car leaving at 12.20, the Toronto brethren did not remain for the social part of the proceedings, but partaking of a hurried luncheon, and amidst cheers for Rising Sun, Richmond, Tuscan, Toronto, etc., they departed, but did the best they could to continue the fourth degree en route home. The proceedings of the afternoon and evening were all that any D. D. G. M. could desire, and I hope will be productive of much benefit to the Craft in this section of the district. I have to thank Rising Sun Lodge for carrying out my wishes as regards holding a Lodge of Instruction and Richmond and Tuscan lodges for assisting in making it so successful, instructive and interesting.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville: My visit to this lodge was made on the 18th of May. There was an unusually large attendance of members and a very interesting meeting, and I have reason to believe, a very profitable one also. Allowing for certain two or three officers being away from town, those present did very good work, particularly the W. M., W. Bro. R. P. Coulson, whose work was especially correct and impressively rendered. The following officers may also be deservedly mentioned: Bros. A. G. Brown, S. W.; F. H. Gray, J. W.; W. Bro. John McGrath, acting S. D.; W. Bro. J. W. Shankel, Secretary and acting I. G. The following active P. M's were present in addition to those already mentioned: W. Bros. D. C. Smith, W. H. Todd, Geo. Collard (Treasurer), J. D. Forsyth, Rev. A. Philip Brace. Bro. A. C. Burkholder was passed to the second de-

gree, and the lodge opened and closed in the three, all of which was nicely done and indicated close attention. I had the honor of presenting, on behalf of the lodge, P. M. jewels to W. Bros. J. McGrath, J. D. Forsyth and Rev. A. P. Brace, I. P. M. The lodge has recently extended its premises by adding an adjoining room and fitting it up neatly as a larger ante-room and refreshment hall, at a cost of about \$300 and additional rental. The lodge has no indebtedness, granted a needy brother \$20 out of lodge funds, and further assisted him by individual subscription. The prospects of the lodge are bright, and if the difficulty of having officers who will remain in the neighborhood so as to attend regularly can be overcome the good work will go on enthusiastically. W. Bro. J. W. Shankel, Secretary, who has received special mention in previous reports, again deserves recognition for his continued interest and active work. A most pleasant time was spent at the refreshment board in the new room. The Semi-Centennial Fund was urged strongly, \$15 already being subscribed up to date. Bro. Rev. Fred Barber, of Lodge No. 2815, Southport, England, having recently taken up his residence in this town, will affiliate here. His address, amongst others, was very interesting. The opinion was freely expressed afterwards that the meeting was a very successful one.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: Official visit June 13th, 1905. The reason of this late visit was at the request of the W. M., inasmuch as harmony did not seem to prevail in this well-known lodge and but few petitions were being presented, which is to be very much regretted by all who are acquainted with what has always been considered a lodge doing good Masonic work. The W. M. had been unavoidably absent during the past month or two on an extended trip. This also caused my visit to be made at this June meeting. However, I am pleased to report that ten candidates passed the ballot at the May meeting, which gives hope that the term of the present Master will yet be good and that the dark clouds of discord and trouble may have rolled away never to overshadow the lodge again. I regret that I had occasion to rule in favor of the appellant in an appeal to me by a brother against the W. M. of last year, W. Bro. W. H. Hutchinson, who refused to accept a motion referring the financial report of an "At-home" committee to the Ex-

ecutive Committee in accordance with the by-laws, which say that this committee has charge of all finances and the auditing of accounts. I may say such actions tend very much to disturb the harmony of a lodge and cause anxiety, restlessness, discussion and unkind feelings to prevail. The elections following were warmly contested, and I have referred to what followed. I hope all trouble is past. The lodge's finances have been severely taxed by extra expenditures, the last two "At-homes" were not financial successes, and the expenses of Masonic funerals in some cases were very heavy. I express the hope that the future may at once brighten and that my successor may be able to so record a much more satisfactory state of affairs. On my official visit I was accorded a warm welcome in very kind words expressed by the W. M., W. Bro. W. G. Jones. The first degree was presented for my attention, Mr. Kyle being the candidate, and he was a very good one and should do credit to the lodge. The work of the W. M. was exceptionally good, being very carefully, impressively and correctly rendered. The work of the other officers was also good, and Bro. E. D. Apted, who was acting J. W. on short notice, did remarkably well, including the Junior Warden's lecture for the first time. This was the first time for the W. M. to confer the first degree. Taken as a whole the work was very creditable. The absence of the Organist and no music from the talented singers of this lodge made quite a noticeable difference in the degree work and at the refreshment board. There are several strong pillars in active and continuous support, amongst whom I notice: R. W. Bro. John Watson, P. D. D. G. M.; V. W. Bro. J. W. Jones, and W. Bros. J. L. Little, John Stephens, W. J. Wilson and J. Leake. W. Bro. George Wilson is a very painstaking Secretary, and has been a valuable assistance to the lodge and its members during the past few years. At the refreshment board the usual toasts were given and responses made in a brief but interesting manner. I proposed the toast of the W. M. and officers, and expressed the hope that the immediate future of the lodge would be replete with harmony and prosperity. W. Bro. Jones, W. M.; Bro. C. O. Rockwood, S. W.; Bro. Apted, acting J. W., responded. W. Bro. King, of Occident, did justice to the toast of visiting brethren, and Bro. Kyle for the newly initiated brother. The proceedings were

finished at 12 o'clock, and the general feeling prevailed that the meeting had been a successful one.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: My official visit to this lodge was made on May 15th, and I was very warmly received by the W. M., V. W. Bro. M. L. Nutting, on behalf of the lodge. I was presented by R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould, P. D. D. G. M., and had a warm handshake with many old friends. The third degree was conferred for my inspection, the candidate being Bro. Sharard, of Knox College, and he was an exceptionally well-informed brother. The obligation of the second degree was correctly given by the candidate for further advancement, and the portions of the work requiring to be done by him without prompting were also correctly given. The officers present rendered their respective parts very well; the Deacons' work showed careful study. The W. M. was very impressive in his delivery. The books are well kept and the finances good, the arrearage of dues being small. I regret, however, to have to report a lack of harmony existing which seemed to cast a gloom over the meeting, and was apparent throughout the evening. An unfavorable ballot was the cause of the cloud, only one candidate being accepted during the term, namely, Bro. Sharard. I can only express the hope that this lodge, looked upon as a splendid one, may soon emerge from the troubled waters and have smooth sailing. I referred as strongly as I could to the Semi-Centennial Fund, as thus far in this lodge nothing has been done. I hope, however, for better results, if not at once, yet within the three years' limit. W. Bro. Joseph Thompson, W. M., and Bro. Tripp, J. W. of King Edward Lodge, Sunderland, were visitors at the meeting. An enjoyable time was spent at a banquet given at the Bascom House.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 24th, their regular meeting night, and the attendance was very good, about 24 present, 15 being the average. W. Bro. Donald Beaton, W. M., was in the chair, and I was cordially received. I am no stranger to the brethren here, as I have paid several visits during the past few years, and on two or three occasions I had the honor of installing the officers. This lodge is making good progress and gaining both numerically and financially. It has some very strong and active supporters, amongst whom may be named, W. Bros.

A. E. Major, R. E. Forsyth, Dr. Brodie, J. Douglas, and good officers, W. Bro. D. R. Beaton, W. M.; Thos. Grigg, S. W.; Dr. G. N. Fish, J. W.; Rev. Bro. J. W. Wilkinson, Chaplain. The prospects seem brighter than they have been, and I bespeak for them much prosperity. The W. M. exemplified the first degree in a manner that would do credit to any lodge either in the city or outside, and I remarked that I would be pleased to see him confer the same degree in a city lodge. It was perfect in word and letter and quietly and impressively delivered. Its effect was somewhat marred by some of the officers being absent and their places being filled in an imperfect manner. The J. W.'s work was very good also. Mr. Middleton, the candidate, should make a good member. Bro. G. M. Brodie received his third degree, and it was a disappointment somewhat, as his brother, Dr. Brodie, a P. M. and excellent worker, was to confer it, but was called away at its commencement. However, I had the honor of assisting in the work, also the other P. M.'s. An excellent menu was afterwards served. Good speeches were made and a happy time was spent at the expense of sleep, but it was the anniversary of the natal day of our late Queen.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: My official visit to this lodge was made on February 16th. I was introduced by V. W. Bro. Harry Leeson and received with grand honors. Amongst upwards of 100 visiting brethren were: V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, G. S. D.; W. Bro. Burwash, W. M. of St. Andrew's; W. Bro. Howarth, W. M. of St. John's; W. Bro. Harris, W. M. of Rehoboam, and officers and members of these lodges. The first degree was worked for my inspection and was very correctly conferred. W. Bro. Arthur Pearson, W. M.; Bro. J. Woodland, S. W.; Bro. Carr Simpson, J. W.; Bro. Jos. Cannon, J. D.; Bro. J. B. Sutherland, I. G., were practically perfect in their respective work and are entitled to favorable mention, the J. W.'s lecture and the I. D.'s work being particularly good. The choir, also under the able leadership of Bro. Mark Lester, assisted by Bros. Firth, Bannister and Hassall, was exceptionally good, and added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremonies and the success of the meeting. The Secretary, Bro. H. E. Griffiths, is a very capable officer. His work is very arduous, but he manages it all with skill and ability, devoting considerable time to it. The fourth degree of this lodge

is made of special interest; in fact, this lodge does everything on a large scale, is very progressive, and has made quite a reputation for itself in this direction. The fourth degree was on this occasion of a very elaborate and enjoyable nature. I may briefly add that this lodge has had during the twelve months 35 meetings, 10 regular and 25 emergent; during the previous twelve months it had 32 meetings. A special feature was the designation of their meetings during the term thus far of W. Bro. Pearson, such as the meeting of January 19th being called "Inaugural Night"; February 16th, "District Deputy Night"; April 20th, "Legislature Night," several brethren, members of the Legislature, being present; May 18th, "Empire Night"; June 15th, "Canadian Night." The "At-home" held by Doric lodge at the King Edward Hotel on February 24th was a success in every way, as also was every function of the lodge, including ladies' night, June 27th, a sail on the lake to Hotel Brant, Burlington Beach, which was very enjoyable and all arrangements perfectly carried out. The officers are all workers, as the foregoing bears out, and their experience in regard to cultivating the social side of Masonry has been very extensive.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: I made my official visit to this lodge on March 7th and received a very warm welcome from the large concourse of brethren present. Amongst the visitors were: W. Bro. D. Grigg, W. M. of Zeta Lodge; W. Bro. Harris, W. M. of Rehoboam Lodge; W. Bro. Geo. Mitchell, V. W. Bro. J. A. Cowan, W. Bro. J. Pearson; W. Bro. Geo. Walker, Cork, Ireland; W. Bro. Hessey, Grenadier, No. 66, London, England; Bro. Nix, S. W. Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge; R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibb, and several other distinguished brethren. W. Bro. Cairns, W. M., and his officers exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in the three degrees, and I must say that the work was excellent. Special mention must be made of the work done by the Master, the Wardens (Bros. Mack and Redford), the J. D., Bro. A. M. Thorne, and the Inner Guard, Bro. Wm. Gillespie. I specially complimented these brethren. The charge in the Book of Constitution was well delivered by W. Bro. J. W. Thompson. The S. D., Bro. Harvey Lloyd, was unavoidably absent, but I was assured that he was a very good officer. The Secretary, W. Bro. Frank Anderson, has for years been mentioned in the reports of

my predecessors as "one of the finest," and I can heartily concur in this. For system and neatness he cannot be excelled. This lodge is noted for its open door to visiting brethren and for its hospitality, and I can only say that the time spent at the refreshment board was most enjoyable. W. Bro. Alex. Gillies, Director of Ceremonies, performed his duties well, and the choir rendered the musical portion of the work and their other especial duties very efficiently. This lodge has \$119 on deposit in the Bank of Commerce on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and will increase this amount in due course very considerably.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: I visited this lodge officially on the 4th of February, and was accorded a very hearty reception both in the lodge and at the refreshment board. The first degree was conferred on two candidates, the officers being all present and doing the work in its entirety on the first candidate, visiting P. M's and P. M's of the lodge taking part in the initiation of the second. The work was very well done by W. Bro. Sykes and his officers, calmly, not hurriedly, but I may say impressively. The changes, as under the new work, were not included; in fact, W. Bro. Sykes had only recently heard of the changes, but all the officers were quite interested when such were afterwards pointed out—at least most of them, and all were unanimous in adopting them without delay. The S. W., Bro. H. H. McKague, had an impressive delivery, though low. The J. W., Bro. C. B. Murray, delivered his lecture in an excellent manner; in fact, all the officers were good in their respective parts. The books are well kept and very neat in appearance. I felt it only proper that I should witness the opening and closing in the other degrees, and I explained, to their apparent gratification, the closing ceremonies in the third as revised. A very pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment board. W. Bro. Sykes made a good chairman, and I have only to mention that R. W. Bro. Harry Collins, P. D. D. G. M., who proposed my health, greatly assisted in making a pleasant time. W. Bro. Davies, W. M. of Harmony Lodge, and W. Bro. Wilbur Jones, W. M. of Stevenson Lodge, were present and contributed their quota. There were upwards of 70 members and 30 visitors present, and 15 lodges were represented—a good attendance for a Saturday night.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: Having visited Brock Lodge on September 21st, at their request, on the occasion of two presentations being made, as already referred to, and it being the first meeting with its new officers, I thought advisable to see them again if I could so arrange another visit to this remote portion of the district. I had the pleasure of meeting them again on June 14th, their election night. The weather was so hot as to make it almost impossible to remain in the lodge room. However, the elections passed off in a manner which I think will be in the interests of the lodge, and W. M.-elect, Bro. Geo. B. Johnston, S. W., should make a good ruler, assisted by Bro. W. T. Vick as his S. W. and Bro. George Campbell as his J. W, good strong P. M's such as W. Bros. Thos. Foster, Dr. Bingham, and Jos. A. Kift, the very efficient Secretary, and others. There were two brethren to be passed to the second degree, but they did not remain owing to the extreme heat. The lodge called off to permit of the room being ventilated, and light refreshments were served, after which labor was resumed, and from the questions asked by some of the brethren as regards the work and other matters, all of which I was pleased to answer, the brethren did not appear in haste to get through with the evening's proceedings. The junior officers were not all present, but their places were filled by others, including W. Bro. Rev. J. Garbutt, of The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls, who now resides at Cannington, and who acted as J. D. The lodge was opened and closed in the other degrees. Much information and profit was derived and the time well spent. I witnessed the first degree, conferred by W. Bro. Dr. Hart, on my previous visit. I am pleased to record that, pursuant to a notice given at a previous meeting, a motion was unanimously passed to prohibit the use of intoxicants in the lodge or ante-rooms thereof. I was pleased to commend the brethren on this good decision, also on the lodge having had a very good year. Much credit is due to the indefatigable Secretary, W. Bro. Kift, who imparts much instruction to his brethren and attends closely to all matters connected with the welfare of this lodge. This lodge suffered a severe loss by the death on April 4th, at the age of 57 years, of an old and greatly esteemed Past Master, W. Bro. Hugh Wilson, who was one of the strongest and most faithful supporters of Brock Lodge.

He was a prominent merchant and very successful in business, as well as a very popular attendant at his lodge meetings. He attended the Grand Lodge at Brockville last July and was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: At the altar of this lodge I received my first light in Masonry, and in course of time I was installed therein as W. M. I had the honor of installing the present W. M., W. Bro. H. A. Schoff in December last, and on May 5th made my official visit of inspection and found everything in splendid working order, and I know from personal observation and experience that everything is done strictly on constitutional lines. There was a large assemblage of the Craft in this spacious lodge room, upwards of 100 visitors being present and a large attendance of members as on an election or installation night. Among the visitors were the following: R. W. Bro. Roaf, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. J. B. Hay, W. Bro. J. Burwash, W. M. St. Andrew's; W. Bro. K. Dunstan, W. M. Ionic; W. Bro. Howarth, W. M. St. John's; W. Bro. Harris, W. M. Rehoboam; W. Bro. B. Cairns, W. M. Orient; W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, W. M. Wilson; W. Bro. J. C. West, W. M. Occident, and several officers and members of these lodges, also W. Bros. Col. J. T. Thompson, A. Gillies, Tim Barber, H. T. Smith, W. F. Chapman, P. T. Lee, W. J. King and several P. M's of St. George Lodge. W. Bro. Schoff and his officers all being present, worked the first degree, assisted by an excellent choir. The was particularly well done. The W. M. justified his position by an accurate and scholarly rendering. Bros. W. Ball and C. Musgrave deserve favorable mention for their part in the musical portion and also the excellent program afterwards. The very active P. M's of this lodge present were: W. Bros. Saunders, Hickson, Meadows, Clemens, Nelson, Stoneham, Burt and Spry. Bro. R. C. Gallagher is a very efficient Secretary, and contributes in a large measure to the prosperity and harmony which prevails. The prospects of this lodge, I am happy to say, are very bright, and financial condition good. It is doing excellent work, and this looks like being a banner year. I received a right royal reception on my entrance and at the refreshment board afterwards, and the kind things said made it a very memorable evening to me. The work, the addresses, the banquet and the program, all were excellent.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: My official visit to this lodge was made on the 28th of April. W. Bro. Duncan Grigg, W. M., and his able staff of officers conferred the first degree on two candidates, G. H. Smith and R. Roche. The work was exceedingly well done and showed careful attention in all its details. There was nothing whatever in the work for a D. D. G. M. to call attention to other than that it was very well rendered. I found all the officers of this lodge in good shape and utmost harmony prevailing. The membership is increasing steadily and everything indicates a healthy condition of affairs. There was a good attendance, and among the many visitors were W. Bros. Harris (W. M.), G. H. Mitchell, Clewlo, and members of Rehoboam Lodge; W. Bros. H. Meadows (I. P. M.), W. C. Burt and members of St. George Lodge; W. Bro. Gillies, P. M. of Orient Lodge and some members of that lodge; also W. Bro. Davidson, W. M. of Markham Union Lodge, and W. Bro. Harry White, of Georgina Lodge. Bros. P. Dykes and C. Musgrave have the choir in good condition. The refreshment board was especially attractive, there being a great deal of talent among the brethren which they were pleased to use for the entertainment of their guests. The P. M's of this lodge are active in its welfare. I might mention W. Bros. Col. J. T. Thompson, T. G. Malcolm, Dr. R. C. Griffith, A. B. Mitchell and Geo. McQuillen, I. P. M. Bros. E. Barber, S. W., and J. G. Cain, J. W., are enthusiastic officers and do excellent work. Bro. E. A. Faulds is a very attentive Secretary, and the right brother for that position. His re-election each year has been always unanimous.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: I paid this lodge my official visit on Thursday evening, June 15th, its regular night of meeting. The weather was extremely hot. I was rather late in arriving, having had to drive from Claremont in order to fill the engagement, having been north on business. W. Bro. Dr. Brodie, P. M., kindly drove me the first four miles and Bro. Dr. Fish, the J. W. of Brougham Union Lodge, drove me the remaining seven or eight miles and visited the lodge with me. I arrived about 9.30, the brethren, however, being aware of this circumstance and knowing about when I would be on hand. There was no work available, and on account of the heat, I only requested the opening and closing cere-

monies in all degrees, which were very well done. As regards the working of the degrees, W. Bro. Johnston, the W. M., who is now filling his third year as W. M., has ability to do good work. The same may also be said of the other chief officers. Bro. Sparks, the S. W., was absent, and his place was filled by W. Bro. Dr. Bateman. Bro. G. W. P. Every, J. W., is a good officer, enthusiastic, and will in time be heard in the East to good advantage. The Secretary, Bro. D. E. Pugh, is a very efficient officer for that position. He has his books very nicely kept and they show dues very well in hand, only three being in arrears; no indebtedness; the new lodge furniture being all paid for. The prospects of the lodge continue fairly bright, but the lodge could stand more interest and enthusiasm on the part of its members. I was pleased to again meet the esteemed W. Bro. Geo. Kerr, who became a member of the Craft at Prescott in 1863 (a charter member), was W. M. of this lodge, and has filled other offices with much benefit and assistance to the lodge. I also met R. W. Bro. Rose, a Past Grand S. W. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and Past Master of Richmond Lodge, Richmond, Que., a very enthusiastic brother, and one who seldom misses a meeting where he happens to be along the line of the G. T. R., and an official of that company. A pleasant time was spent at the refreshment board in the ante-room of the lodge, no intoxicants, but lots of seasonable things being available. I explained amongst other matters the Semi-Centennial Fund, and was asked several questions about it, which were for the benefit of the fund and information of the brethren.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto: I visited this lodge on June 19th, this being my last official visit in this district. They had four candidates for initiation, but unfortunately none were present, for good reasons given in each case. The W. M., W. Bro. T. Brownlee, had arranged to work the first degree for me with a substitute candidate, but on account of the extreme heat of the room I excused him from doing the work in its entirety and asked only for certain portions, such as the obligation, the floor work, the Junior Warden's lecture, and opening and closing in other degrees. The lodge is at present officered by a capable and intelligent staff, and the work I witnessed was very fair, and had it been done throughout with a candidate no doubt it would have been done much

better. The attendance of members was good, and eight lodges were represented among the visitors. I attended this lodge a year ago with my predecessor at his official visit, and it was the first meeting in the present new quarters after being burned out. The room is very nicely furnished, everything new and the furniture complete. R. W. Bro. W. L. Baynes-Reid, Grand Chaplain; V. W. Bro. John Parsell, W. Bro. John Richardson (Treasurer), W. Bro. Dr. Walters and W. Bro. C. Fitzpatrick, I.P.M., all take a very active interest in the welfare of this lodge.

The Beaches Lodge, U. D., Toronto: On May 6th I had the honor of instituting a new lodge to be known as The Beaches Lodge, in Orient lodge rooms, corner Bolton avenue and Queen street, where they have secured temporary quarters until they have a meeting place of their own further east, as their name indicates near Balmy and Kew Beaches outside the city limits. Their nearest lodge, Acacia, No. 430, East Toronto, gave unanimous consent, and being outside the city will not have concurrent jurisdiction with the 20 city lodges, but only half way to Orient lodge, or as the Beaches express themselves, not west of the Woodbine. There are a few hundred permanent residents now at these beaches and many affiliated and unaffiliated Masons who will have a Masonic home placed within convenient distance. There were upwards of 100 brethren at this inaugural meeting, and among those who assisted me were R. W. Bros. Baynes-Reid, Grand Chaplain; Wm. Roaf, P. D. D. G. M.; V. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, W. Bros. Jas. Haywood, R. C. Harris, F. Maile, Bernard Cairns, W. F. Chapman, H. T. Smith, A. Gillies, J. W. Thompson, T. Barber, J. A. Richardson, W. H. Grant and H. Meadows. The lodge started out under the most favorable auspices with a membership of 35 on the charter list and 10 petitions for membership, all splendid material. The following are its first staff of officers: W. Bro. J. McP. Ross, W. M.; W. Bro. W. A. Lyon, I. P. M.; Bros. R. J. W. Barker, S. W.; G. M. Ritchie, J. W.; Rev. J. W. Bell, Chaplain; John Lowden, Treasurer; W. J. Farmery, Secretary; Chas. T. Lyon, S. D.; Wm. Orr, J. D.; J. S. White, D. of C.; W. E. Nugent, S. S.; Fred Lyonde, J. S.; W. N. McEachren, I. G.; James Pedley, Tyler. The proceedings at the festive board were of a most enjoyable character. I had the pleasure of attending the following regular

meeting of this bright new lodge on June 10th, and was received with grand honors and a hearty welcome. The ballot was favorable in the ten petitions and three were initiated. The prospects of the lodge seem indeed bright and the work was well done for a new lodge. With a few rehearsals and a little practice together the work done will be equal to any lodge in the district, which is saying a great deal. The officers are all well chosen, and the Secretary, which is very important position in a new lodge, in particular, is well adapted for his work. The books of the lodge are modern and systematic and everything has been done in this connection as in the best regulated and old-established lodges. They conferred on me a very great honor by electing me an honorary life member with full privileges, but even without this unexpected distinction I intend to render them all the assistance in my power and hope to see this sturdy plant grow to one of great vigor and become a credit to the district.

I append the regular statistical statement. I cannot conclude this report, which I have endeavored to make brief, without conveying thanks to M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray for his very prompt replies to my letters to him and the kindly and Masonic wording of all his letters to me. In conclusion I again wish to thank the brethren for the honor conferred on me and to express my warm appreciation of the kindness, forbearance and brotherly love which have been uniformly shown me wherever I have gone. I as gladly welcome my successor as I assumed the cares of this very important, arduous and withal honorable office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN J. THOMPSON, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto East District No. 111a.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in Toronto East District, No. 11A, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	MEMBERSHIP.		DEGREE'S CONF'D.			AFFILIATIONS.	RESTORATIONS.	RESIGNATIONS.	SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D.	SUSPENSIONS, OTHER CAUSES.	DECEASED.	MEETINGS HELD.			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF	AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.	NO. OF MEMBERS 12 MONTHS IN ARREARS.	TOTAL OR ALL ARREARAGES.	DATE OF LAST G. L. RETURN.	FINANCIAL STANDING.	PROSPECTS OF LODGE.	CAN W. M. WORK ALL DEGREES.	INSURANCE.			
		TOTAL NO. OF ALL MEM.	INCREASE DURING YEAR.	DECREASE DURING YEAR.	E. A.	F. C.							M. M.	REGULAR.	EMERGENT.										TOTAL.		
16	St. Andrews	Toronto	318	8		16	16	13	5	1	8	3	3	10	7	17	51	231	70	15	\$	118 65	June, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
23	Richmond.	Richmond Hill	40	2		3	2	1			1			10		10	17	8	00	2		13 50	June, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	\$2500 00
25	Lonie	Toronto	258	16		15	13	13	8		3		4	9	5	14	37	220	40	9		9 00	Feb. 4, 1905	Good	Excellent	Yes	Trust
75	St. John's.	Toronto	276	31		31	27	26	7		2		5	11	9	20	70			14		61 05	June, 1905	Good	Bright	Yes	700 00
87	Markm Un.	Markham	61	14		11	11	8	3	1			13	1	13	14	27	5	00				June, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
97	Sharon	Sharon	54	1		3	3	2		1			1	10	1	11	10	30	00	17		47 50	Dec., 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	350 00
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	72	6		4	3	3	3		2		1	12	2	14	20			23		164 55	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	1700 00
129	Rising Sun.	Aurora	68	3		6	6	6					1	12	2	15	23			2		15 00	June, 1905	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
136	Richards'n	Stouffville	60	4		7	8	8	3		3		1	12	4	16	10	34	00	9		85 00	June, 1905	Good	Fair	Yes	Trust
218	Stevensons	Toronto	212			16	1	1	1	1	4		6	10	2	12	50	5	00			300 00	Dec., 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	Trust
220	Zeredatha.	Uxbridge	80	2		2	1	1	1		3		1	14	1	15	24			4		21 00	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
269	Brouhm Un	Claremont	56	5		5	5	3	1		1		12	1	12	13	16			8			June, 1904	Good	Bright	Yes	Trust
316	Doric	Toronto	316	75		71	47	32	13	1	4	3	3	10	25	35	40	40	00	29			Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
339	Orient	Toronto	258	9		13	15	17	1	2	3		4	14	9	23	65	64	00	10		240 00	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
343	Georgian	Toronto	242	7		21	21	19	2		10	3	3	11	12	23	42	325	40	56		402 50	June, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
354	Brook	Cannington	65	4		2	1	1	2	2	1		1	12	2	14	15			2		30 00	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
367	St. George.	Toronto	229	30		31	27	21	2	2	1		3	12	9	21	55	70	00	12		445 50	June, 1904	Good	Bright	Yes	1000 00
410	Zeta	Toronto	184	24		17	22	24	9				1	10	13	23	47	34	00	24		175 40	Dec., 1904	Bright	Fair	Yes	250 00
424	Doric	Pickering	38	1		7	7	6					1	10	1	11	11	10	00	3		7 00	Dec., 1904	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
430	Aeolia	East Toronto	118	5		7	7	6			2		12	5	17	29	10	00	10			202 90	June, 1904	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
UD	The B'ches	Balmby Beach	35	7		3			4				2	1	3	18							June, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	Yes

ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in this district. At the outset I wish to convey my sincere thanks to the brethren for the honor they conferred upon me when they unanimously elected me to the highest office in their gift. I entered upon my duties with a great deal of fear and trembling, doubting my judgment and my ability, knowing only that the desire of my heart was to serve the Craft faithfully and well, but such was the unfailing kindness and courteous forbearance of the brethren in every part of the district, that whereas I started the year almost reluctantly accepting office, I now find myself laying down the burden of officialdom with real regret.

To M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, who has been a father to me in the way of kindly counsel, and to R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, of Fenelon Falls, who accompanied me in several of my visits and was ever ready to assist, I owe a debt of gratitude which at present I can only repay by this heartfelt acknowledgment of their goodness.

My first official act was, at the request of the Grand Master, to constitute and consecrate King Edward Lodge at Sunderland, and assisted by R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald and a number of qualified brethren from Uxbridge, Cannington and other places, I conducted that most pleasurable and profitable function, and at the close installed their officers in due form. King Edward Lodge, No. 464, has prospects of a bright future. The room is commodious, tastefully and comfortably furnished, and a credit to the Craft. Their W. M., W. Bro. Thompson, is a hard working zealous brother who deems no service too great to render his lodge, and all the officers are capable and energetic. I visited them again on the fourteenth of April, and the beautiful and impressive way in which they

worked a third degree was to me a source of great gratification, and I gave them well deserved praise.

December 26th, 1904, I went to Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby, to install officers, and early in May I again visited them officially and found everything in good working order, books well kept, dues well paid, and the lodge in a flourishing condition. W. Bro. Richardson and his efficient officers initiated a candidate in a most praiseworthy manner, and a cheering fourth degree brought a pleasant evening to a close.

January 17th, 1905, I visited The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls, the home of my friend, R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald. Here I was cordially welcomed and royally treated. Spry lodge has well furnished up-to-date apartments, a Worshipful Master who has at heart the best interests of the fraternity, and officers who faithfully and loyally follow his lead. The lodge was opened and closed in the three established degrees in a very creditable manner. There is a spot where Masonry is bound to grow and flourish.

January 18th, 1905, I visited Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald and several other brethren from Fenelon Falls. Here, as throughout all the north country, I found a goodly company of whole-souled men who practice Masonry daily. It happened to be the night of their installation, and W. Bro. Archie Brandon performed the beautiful ceremony as it always should be done, impressively and from memory. He was assisted in the after portion by W. Bro. Watson, of Minden, of whom more hereafter. The lodge room is small but comfortable, the books properly felt and neatly kept, and the average attendance very promising.

January 19th, 1905, a drive of eighteen miles or so through a country rich in rock, and still with Bro. Fitzgerald in tow, brought me to Minden. Here I found the same warmth of welcome, the same spirit of enthusiasm as I had before encountered. Some of the brethren of Acadia Lodge, No. 440, would drive twenty-five to thirty miles to attend lodge and never miss. What a lesson to those of us who live in the larger towns and cities, living it may be within a stone's throw of the meeting place and yet hardly ever there. W. Bro. Train did some very intelligent work in the first degree, assisted by W. Bros.

Watson and Hartle, both of whom are enthusiastic Past Masters and well skilled in the usages, customs and landmarks. I spent a very profitable hour at the home of Bro. Watson, whose interest in Masonry, past and present, is absorbing. Minden lodge is growing fast, dues well paid, books well kept and carefully looked after, and is a credit to its neighborhood.

February 17th, 1905. Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa, possesses a staff of excellent, hard working officers, with W. Bro. Slemon at its head, Bro. Drew in the Senior Warden's chair and Bro. F. E. Hare in the south. On the occasion of my visit they put on a third degree in a correct and intelligent manner, the work of the three principal officers being especially good. V. W. Bro. Murton makes an efficient Secretary and keeps the financial conditions of the lodge in a satisfactory state. The lodge room, which is used jointly by the two Oshawa lodges, has been redecorated and is one of the finest in the district.

March 14th, 1905. I visited Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the well night impassable condition of the roads, the attendance was meagre, and the chairs perforce filled with Past Masters. These, of course, did admirable work, and with such members the future of the lodge is assured.

March 17th, 1905. Accompanied by W. Bro. Baird and others from Oshawa I visited Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry, and was surprised and delighted by the beauty and elegance of their lodge room and the character of the work carried on in the same. W. Bro. Hutchison, assisted by an able staff of capable officers, gave a most excellent rendition of the Fellowcraft degree. The lodge is flourishing, applications are coming in fast, yet they are guarding well their portals. I must make special mention of Secretary Spence, who for many years has served the lodge, and whose books are a model of neatness and accuracy.

April 7th, 1905. I visited Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay, and found, just what I expected to find, a well organized, largely attended, prosperous lodge, with well appointed rooms and a staff of officers who did their work in a manner not excelled by any lodge in the district. W. Bro. Begg worked for me a first degree, and the evening was a pleasant and profitable one. I had the great

pleasure of meeting M. W. Bro. Harding in his own lodge and greater pleasure in hearing from his own lips that Lindsay had pledged themselves to send in their total assessment for the Semi-Centennial Fund before the meeting of Grand Lodge in July. Truly a fitting and noble example for the rest of the district.

April 13th, 1905, I visited Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton. W. Bro. Dr. Grant in the East gave a very intelligent exemplification of the third degree, the Wardens and other officers all doing good work. Their lodge room is new and spacious. I had the extreme honor on the afternoon of May 17th, 1905, assisted by R. W. Bro. Ross, of Whitby, and several well skilled brethren, of dedicating the same for the uses and purposes of Masonry. The attendance was large and the ceremony, in its dignity and impressiveness, was greatly enjoyed by all. In the evening I had the honor of conducting a portion of the work of a third degree for the instruction of the brethren.

On the following day, May 18th, 1905, Bros. Byrne and Cameron kindly drove me over to Kirkfield where I had a most interesting and profitable visit. The lodge, Victoria by name, No. 398, is thriving and succeeding against difficulties, simply owing to the character of the men who are managing its affairs. The work done by W. Bro. Musgrove and his officers, in the first degree, was most excellent and well merited the praise I gave to it.

April 29th, 1905, I paid a visit, long anticipated by me, to North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, Haliburton. I had heard much of the Haliburton brethren and the excellent character of their work, and there was no disappointment in store for me. It is true the lodge room is small and the accommodation insufficient, but both labor and refreshment were of the highest order. W. Bro. Clarke is a painstaking capable officer, with an extremely retentive memory, and with the help of well grounded Wardens, the work of the third degree was exemplified in a manner reflecting the greatest credit upon North Entrance lodge. The dues are well paid and the affairs of the lodge generally in a satisfactory condition.

R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald kindly acted for me on two occasions, when through indisposition I was unable to fill my engagements. First at the constituting and consecrating of the Haliburton lodge, at which gathering he reports

a most successful and interesting time, and secondly, he was good enough to visit Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon. He reports a fair attendance and good work, dues well paid, and a general condition of warranted prosperity.

My last official act was the installation of officers at Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa, the lodge to which I have the honor to be affiliated. I paid Lebanon lodge two official visits during the year, and on each occasion I noted signs of progress and improvement. The officers are generally well skilled and able and willing to undertake the management of the work. Those that I have recently installed are especially so, and I have reason to believe that a year of pronounced progress is before the lodge. The membership is seventy, the attendance fair, and the finances well looked after.

With reference to the Semi-Centennial Fund, I have zealously endeavored to place the matter and keep it before the brethren throughout the whole district. I have pointed out to them repeatedly the beauty of the scheme, that our fifty years of ever-increasing prosperity, each year beginning with promise, each year ending with fulfilment, should be commemorated and crowned by such a gracious act, and I think the brethren on the whole have loyally responded to my appeal.

And now, in bidding my brethren officially farewell, let me state that if you have received half the pleasure and profit from your intercourse with me that I have from my relations with you, then I have my reward.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

PERCY H. PUNSHON, D. D. G. M.

Ontario District No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in the Ontario District, No. 12, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem- bership.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degree's conf'r'd	Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
30	Composite	Whitby	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	14	20	\$38 30	1	\$	20 00	Feb. 9, 1905	Fair	Fair	Yes \$ 400 00
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	30	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	10	15 00	8	133 75	Mar. 14, 1905	Good	Good	No 450 00		
77	F. Brethren	Lindsay	132	15	12	10	10	4	4	4	4	2	13	3	16	...	81 75	11	51 00	Feb., 1905	Good	Good	Yes 1200 00	
39	Lebanon	Oshawa	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	12	...	6	92 40	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	No 600 00	
268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	37	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	12	...	8	...	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	
270	Cedar	Oshawa	70	4	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	10	20	24 50	8	84 00	Dec. 31, '04	Good	Good	Yes 650 00	
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	38	7	6	5	2	1	1	2	1	1	5	5	10	10	...	4	15 00	June 24, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	
406	The Spry	Fenelon Falls	61	6	2	6	5	1	1	2	1	1	13	4	17	21	...	1	12 00	June 24, '04	Al	Good	Yes 300 00	
408	Murray	Beaverton	45	6	1	6	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	5	16	25	...	7	130 95	July 1, '04	Excellent	Excellent	Yes 350 00	
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	89	12	3	11	7	4	1	3	1	1	12	1	13	25	5 00	13	9 00	Feb. 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes 150 00	
440	Arcadia	Minden	47	1	1	5	3	3	3	3	1	1	12	1	13	16	40 00	...	10 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes 600 00	
451	Somerville	Kilmount	56	6	6	6	4	1	1	6	1	1	11	3	14	15	10 00	10	13 00	Feb., 1905	Good	Good	Yes 200 00	
463	N. Ettrac	Haliburton	30	3	6	3	4	4	3	1	1	2	12	4	16	19	40 00	6	3 00	June 24, '05	Good	Excellent	Yes 500 00	
464	K. Edward	Sunderland	39	5	1	1	1	13	8	21	17	...	1

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in Prince Edward District.

I visited each lodge in the district once, with the exception of Consecon, No. 50, which I visited twice, and my own lodge, Sterling, No. 69, which, of course, I attended whenever I was at home on lodge nights.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50, had the misfortune to lose its lodge room and all its property by fire. Of course this was a hard blow, but it brought out the real stuff that Consecon Masons are made of. They set to work at once building a new hall, and I had the honor, as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, of dedicating and consecrating this fine building to the purposes of Masonry. The building cost about \$2,500, and at the present time, I am informed, the debt of the lodge is only about \$600, which it is expected will be paid in the not distant future. As Consecon is neither a large nor a wealthy lodge I consider this a striking example of what men of pluck and determination can accomplish when they work together in a true Masonic spirit.

I had two reasons, which fortunately fitted each other, for not visiting the various lodges more than once. First, my engagements prohibited it, and second, the splendid condition of the Craft in this district, thanks in a great measure to the efficient work done by my predecessors, rendered it unnecessary.

I am glad to say that the whole district seems to be working in perfect harmony. I have not heard of a single case of discord, either between the neighboring lodges or members of the same lodge. If there has been any it has been confined to such narrow limits that I was unable to notice it. Personally, my tour of inspection through the district was one continuous, unbroken pleasure, and more

than compensated for the time and labor it involved. Of course, some lodges are more prosperous than others. Some do their work better than others, and some entertain the representative of the Grand Master more elaborately than others. But it is equally true that there is a great difference in the conditions and environments of the several lodges, and where all are striving earnestly and faithfully to do their best under the circumstances surrounding them it would be invidious to make special mention of any. I might fill a large report in relating pleasant incidents of my various visits, but while these are gratifying as examples of the proverbial goodfellowship and true fraternal spirit of our brethren in this district, and I doubt not throughout this jurisdiction, they are of more personal interest to the recipient than of general interest to your grand body assembled for the transaction of business. I might also make up a long list of officers in various positions in the several lodges, who do their work so well that we can call it little short of perfection, while I could name others who do their work so poorly as to be scarcely worthy of the name of work, but I consider it both unnecessary and unwise to do so.

My predecessor, in his report on Tweed Lodge, No. 239, spoke of "another drawback" which needed correction. The drawback is not corrected yet, and ought to be at once. But as the lodge practically promised me that they would correct it at the earliest possible moment I shall make no more specific reference to it here. But I shall, immediately after his appointment, report the circumstance to my successor, who will no doubt see that the promise is carried out. This is a good lodge and does its work well. It has an unusually efficient and painstaking Master, with good material to follow him, and it would be a pity to have it handicapped any longer by the circumstance referred to.

There is one other lodge that needs a word of warning. It has had the misfortune to lose several Past Masters and some good subordinate officers by removal from its jurisdiction. Unless an extra and united effort is made by those who remain this lodge will soon drop down from the high position it has heretofore occupied. I shall not refer to it more definitely, as the lodge indicated will readily recognize what I mean from the above observations. I have faith in the present staff of officers taking the warn-

ing, and I hope they will do so soon enough to prevent my successor recognizing them under the above description.

I am glad to find that the total arrears of N. P. D. are diminishing each year. The sooner they are wiped out the better it will be for the craft. My opinion is that a man who is, through no fault of his own, unable to pay his dues in any one year should have his dues remitted at the end of the year. And any member who can pay and won't should be promptly suspended at the end of the year. By this means careless Masons who would, in other respects, make good Masons, would be cured of their carelessness. Those who cannot be cured are far better out of the Craft, and the sooner the better. If the lodge is careless the members are apt to become so.

My greatest regret during the year is tht I have not been more successful in awakening the brethren throughout the district to what I consider a sense of their duty in regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund. I have worked hard and earnestly both by correspondence and by personal appeal, to every lodge in the district, and although I have met with a fairly satisfactory response in some lodges, in others the seed still seems to have fallen on stoney ground. There has been some latent and hidden force at work which I have been unable to isolate, as the bacteriologists say. My predecessor did, in my opinion, all that mortal man could do. Still he had to own himself disappointed. There is still a certain amount of prejudice, in some quarters, which I have been unable entirely to remove. These conditions are due, in part, to the vagueness in the details of the proposed scheme. I trust that this vagueness and indefiniteness will be removed at the coming session of Grand Lodge. I am thankful to say that, notwithstanding these discouragements, I have had many responses which show that our labors in this cause have not been altogether in vain. I have good reason to hope that by continued effort before very long this district will have contributed its full quota to this most deserving and important fund.

The Grim Reaper has summoned 15 of our brethren from this district during the year, thus keeping us constantly reminded that man, even in his highest type, is only mortal. We cannot but feel thankful that these brethren, through the teaching of our Craft, if by no other

means, had learned to look upon death as an end to all afflictions and the entrance to a better life.

While I feel truly grateful to the officers and members of the Craft throughout this district for the universal kindness and consideration I met with everywhere, it would be unseemly to omit making special mention of W. ro. S. S. Ashley, the District Secretary, who did all in his power cheerfully to assist me whenever called upon.

In conclusion, if the brethren throughout the district profited by their Masonic intercourse with me, to even a small extent of the benefit and instruction I was able to derive from my intercourse with them, I shall feel that my efforts to fill this important position have not been entirely in vain. I trust it may be so.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, D. D. G. M.,
Prince Edward District, No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Prince Edward District, No. 13, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship			Degree's Conf'd			Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.								
11	Moira.....	Belleville.....	178	6	9	8	11	1	1	1	2	13	34	\$40 00	49	\$159 00	June 24, '04	Good	Yes	\$4000 00
17	St. John E.....	Cobourg.....	85	4	7	5	7	1	1	1	2	13	25	...	...	150 00	June, 1904	V'y Good	Yes	500 00
18	Fr. Edward.....	Pictou.....	230	6	11	12	9	4	3	6	4	17	44	55 00	...	48 00	Jan'y, 1905	Excell'nt	Yes	2500 00
29	United.....	Brighton.....	105	4	4	4	6	...	...	...	...	11	35	30 00	9	14 00	Dec. 29, '04	Good	No	700 00
38	Trent.....	Trenton.....	90	4	5	4	4	...	...	...	...	12	24	156 25	9	21 50	June 24, '04	Fair	Yes	800 00
48	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	110	3	5	6	5	1	...	...	...	12	30	30 00	30	180 00	July, 1904	Good	Yes	...
50	Consecon.....	Consecon.....	63	...	4	5	6	3	3	1	5	19	...	...	...	177 50	June, 1904	Fair	No	1200 00
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	91	5	5	6	5	...	...	...	...	24	...	142 37	6	18 00	Dec., 1904	Bright	Yes	1500 00
123	Colborne.....	Colborne.....	157	12	12	12	7	3	1	3	12	35	35	190 00	29	125 00	Dec., 1904	Bright	Yes	4000 00
126	Gold'n K'le.....	Belleville.....	45	1	4	2	2	1	...	...	...	13	14	...	...	...	June 24, '04	Fair	Yes	300 00
127	Frank.....	Campbellford.....	83	3	3	1	5	5	...	...	...	12	25	89 00	13	50 65	Dec., 1904	Fair	Yes	650 00
161	Percy.....	Frankford.....	74	2	3	5	4	...	...	...	...	20	...	5 00	10	82 00	Dec., 1904	Good	Yes	200 00
164	Star-in-E.....	Warkworth.....	84	7	8	7	5	...	...	...	...	16	15	15 00	17	50 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	...
215	Lake.....	Wellington.....	64	6	3	3	2	3	...	...	...	10	25	40 00	...	...	Dec., 1904	Fair	Yes	...
222	Marmora.....	Ameliasburg.....	80	1	4	6	6	...	...	...	...	13	14	20 00	31	206 50	Dec., 1904	Good	Yes	600 00
239	Tweed.....	Marmora.....	77	14	11	11	9	3	...	...	...	12	15	...	...	...	June, 1904	Good	Yes	1000 00
283	Eureka.....	Tweed.....	71	4	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	8	...	5 00	18	59 25	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Yes	4000 00
401	Craig.....	Belleville.....	59	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	13	18	48 00	18	80 00	July, 6, '04	Good	Yes	800 00

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Frontenac District No. 14 during the past year.

First of all I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the very great honor they have done me in electing me to the important position of D. D. G. M. I have endeavored during my term of office to perform my duties in a fithful and, I trust in some measure, a satisfactory manner.

After my election I appointed V. W. Bro. R. E. Burns as District Secretary, and I wish to express my hearty thanks for the most valuable aid and assistance rendered to me. There are many important duties in connection with the office of D. D. G. M. which a District Secretary can perform, and in the work done by V. W. Bro. Burns my own work was considerably lessened.

I am happy to say that enthusiasm and a true fraternal spirit abound in this district. All the lodges, with one or two exceptions, are making considerable progress, and, while the increase in membership throughout the district is not as large as I would like, yet I can say that quality counts, not quantity. Indeed, the new material received by the various lodges is of the best, and the work being done in Frontenac District is of a very high class; even in the smallest place where a lodge is located the officers take the greatest possible pains and trouble to see the work properly done, and in many instances brethren will drive miles to be present at their lodge meeting, thus showing the spirit of loyalty to the Craft which pervades this entire district.

During my term of office I have visited every lodge officially, and on each occasion the heartiest welcome awaited me, and I shall always look back upon those visits

with the very happiest reminiscences. I owe my thanks to many Past Masters of this city who accompanied me at various times, but more particularly to V. W. Bros. Renton, Burns, and R. W. Bro. John Nicolle, who accompanied me on many a long drive.

The first duty I performed, acting on the instructions of the M. W. the Grand Master, was to constitute and consecrate Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay, on October 31, 1904, which lodge had been working under dispensation since April, 1903. Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Renton, Assistant Grand Secretary, and four other Past Masters from Kingston, we drove to Seeley's Bay and found that the brethren of Rideau Lodge had everything in readiness for the ceremony. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance from outside points was small, and it was found impossible to fill the Grand Lodge offices as completely as I would have desired. We were glad, however, to have the assistance of R. W. Bro. J. R. Dargavel, Elgin, and W. Bro. McGee. The ceremony was duly performed, and I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the lodge in the evening. This lodge is making splendid progress, starting with seven members they have now forty-nine, and the work done is very creditable. W. Bro. Gardner proves a highly efficient Master, and is ably assisted by Bro. G. R. Hawkins as Secretary. The lodge room is beautifully furnished and everything is conducive to the comfort of the brethren.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: I visited on November 17th, Thanksgiving Day, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Renton. I was received most cordially by the W. M., W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, who for very many years has taken a most active interest in the work of this lodge, and to whom is due the credit of keeping it together. A number of brethren from Lorne Lodge, Tamworth, including the W. M. of that lodge, were present. The first degree was conferred, the officers doing their work in a correct and impressive manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the remaining degrees, which also was correctly done. I urged upon the officers to meet regularly each month and endeavor to enthuse the members to regular attendance. The Secretary, Bro. Cox, keeps his books and minutes in a praiseworthy style. The building and furniture is owned by the lodge, and, while the membership is scattered and it is difficult to have large meet-

ings, the W. M. and his officers can be depended upon to use every legitimate means for keeping their lodge alive. I look for future success for Victoria lodge.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth: Visited November 25th, 1904. Here I received a most pleasant welcome. This lodge is active in every respect, and the lodge room deserves special mention; it is most modernly furnished and up to date. W. Bro. Jones is the W. M., and is ably supported by efficient officers. On the evening of my visit there were six second degrees conferred and the work was perfectly done. The work of the Secretary is good and his minutes are accurately kept. On this occasion I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. Carscallen and several brethren from Centreville.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: Visited December 16, 1904. Here I was received by a large and enthusiastic number of Masons. W. Bro. F. H. Perry opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees in a satisfactory manner. There was no work on this occasion owing to the absence of two expected candidates. I feel quite assured, however, that the work of this lodge is of the best. The lodge room is one of the finest in the district and certainly most creditable. The finances are in excellent shape and prospects of the brightest. The election of officers took place during my visit and a most enjoyable time was spent in the refreshment room afterwards. I was glad to meet many brethren from the surrounding places, such as Bath and Centreville.

St. John's Day, December 27, 1904. It was my pleasing privilege to hold a point installation of the three lodges of the city, viz., The Ancient St. John's, Cataragui and Minden lodges, at 7.30 in the evening. I was assisted on this occasion by M. W. Bro. Walkem, R. W. Bro. Shaw and V. W. Bro. Renton. There was a large attendance and the meeting was a good one in every respect. One of the most pleasing features of the evening was the presentation of the portrait of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Allen. A banquet was held in the Whig Hall at the close of the proceedings.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro: Visited January 5th, 1905. The W. M. of this lodge was very kind in calling an emergent meeting for this date so that I could visit Westport lodge on the same journey. Simpson lodge has an excellent reputation for good work, and the

members for the most part take an active interest, although I was sorry that the junior offices were not better filled, but as the weather was exceedingly cold, one of the most bitter nights of the winter, this was excusable. In the W. M., Bro. Johnston, and the Senior and Junior Wardens, the lodge has excellent officers. The work of the second degree was done in a correct and impressive manner. I urged on them the necessity of the junior officers being present on every occasion. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Preston and Lewis, both of whom take a great interest in lodge matters and are only too willing to assist in anything that will materially advance the work of Masonry.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport: Visited January 6th, 1905. Although one of the severest and heaviest snow storms of the season occurred on the afternoon and all the evening of January 6th, completely blocking the roads, yet through the enthusiasm and zeal of that highly esteemed brother, V. W. Bro. Gorrell, a very nice attendance awaited me. I might explain here that a number of the brethren of this lodge live at a distance from the town, but when possible attend regularly. W. Bro. Berry, the W. M., is an excellent officer, giving the work with a great deal of expression, thus rendering it effective. The first degree was conferred, and though there was an absence of some of the junior officers, with the assistance of V. W. Bro. Gorrell, who is a tower of strength and as enthusiastic a worker as ever, the degree was conferred in an able way. Westport lodge cannot fail to progress. I regret to say this lodge has lost from active service their old-time Secretary, W. Bro. Flegg, who was so energetic and painstaking. His occupation has taken him to another place and a younger brother is now filling his office and will do good work.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque: Visited January 17th, 1905. I was requested on this occasion to install the officers, which duty I was only too glad indeed to perform. I received a very cordial welcome, and the attendance was quite large, but not as large as is usual in this active lodge owing to a political meeting which was being held on the same evening. This lodge ranks with the first in the district, the lodge room is a good one, and the furnishings and appointments in keeping. Leeds lodge has the largest average attendance in Frontenac

district, and the officers who were installed are doing good work. W. Bro. Cornett is the W. M. He is certainly one who will keep the active interest in the lodge alive. The Immediate P. M., V. W. Bro. Graham, was invested as Secretary, and his old-time energy will certainly be manifested in that position. I was sorry that R. W. Bro. Skinner, the P. D. D. G. M., was away from home, but his assistance is always counted on in matters pertaining to lodge work.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith: Visited January 20th, 1905. On this occasion I was accompanied by V. W. Bro. R. E. Burns, and there was quite a large and enthusiastic meeting. I was very pleased to see so many Past Masters present taking an active interest in lodge work. The installation of officers occurred on this evening, and the ceremony was performed by R. W. Bro. F. S. Wartman in a beautiful and impressive style: R. W. Bro. Wartman still retains his zeal for the work, and I was delighted to meet him on this occasion. This lodge is a progressive one in every respect, and with W. Bro. Ruttan as W. M., Bro. McKim as Secretary, and other excellent officers, is bound to flourish and continue to hold its excellent reputation for good work.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: Visited January 23rd. On this occasion I was accompanied by V. W. Bro. Renton. The drive of twelve miles was over heavy roads, and in consequence I did not expect a very large attendance, but was agreeably disappointed as the brethren turned out fairly well. This lodge is in a good state financially, having a considerable amount to its credit. The lodge room is also most creditable and I find an active interest existing. There was no work, but the opening and closing in the three degrees was well done. W. Bro. Gilbert and his officers are very competent, and Bro. Bennett a painstaking and energetic Secretary, his duties being performed in an accurate manner.

The Ancient St. John's, No. 3, my mother lodge, visited on Thursday, February 2nd. Owing to counter attraction there was not as large an attendance as I would have liked, but as I am constantly in touch with the three lodges of my own city I know exactly how the work is being done from time to time. W. Bro. Geo. Creegan, a P. M. of Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith, and for many years an enthusiastic member of the Ancient St. John's,

is the present W. M., and, although over 70 years of age devotes time and energy to Masonic work, being particularly well read and posted on Masonic history and tradition. On the evening of my visit he was not in his usual good health, and in consequence did not do justice to himself or the work of the second degree, which was conferred. I well know, however, from my subsequent visits, of the ability of the W. M. to do work of the first order; in fact, I consider this lodge works second to none. The officers of this lodge comprise several military brethren, whose floor work, being done with military precision and accuracy, is very pleasing. This lodge is very active and progressive. The Secretary's books are excellently kept, and Bro. Comer is a bureau of information for the brethren.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath: Visited January 16th, 1905, in company with V. W. Bro. Burns. After a drive of 18 miles over very heavy roads it was gratifying to find a good turnout of the members, many of whom had driven long distances over roads almost impassible. The lodge room has been greatly improved in the last year, and is now one of the most handsomely appointed in the district. The inclement weather prevented the attendance of a candidate, so I requested the W. M. to open and close in the three degrees, which was done in a perfect manner. I cannot but make special mention of the work this lodge is doing in connection with the Semi-Centennial Fund. Last year they contributed one dollar per member, and this year the subscriptions already exceed that limit. This is in a large measure due to the work of the W. M., W. Bro. Northmore, and the Secretary, V. W. Bro. Armstrong, who have been untiring, not only in their efforts in connection with the above fund, but also in Masonic work generally. The fact that three petitions for initiation were read on the evening of my visit is an evidence that this lodge is in a very healthy condition.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island: Visited February 7th, accompanied by V. W. Bros. Burns, Renton, W. T. Minnes, W. Bros. Crowe and Jackson, and Bro. McInnes. The night was stormy and the trip across the ice particularly heavy, yet our hearty welcome by the loyal brethren of Elysian lodge amply repaid us. This lodge deserves the highest commendation for its con-

tinued existence. Owing to the exceedingly small area it has to draw from for members one cannot help but admire the unswerving fidelity of the brethren in retaining their charter. The true fraternal spirit certainly exists among the brethren of this lodge. The public library, which is situated on the first floor of the building occupied as a lodge room, is a splendid recreation room for the brethren and is used constantly by them. This library would do credit to a town or city. The brethren are well read and posted in all details. There was no degree work, but the opening and closing in the three degrees was excellently done. I regretted the absence, through illness, of W. Bro. Lappen, who has been a great worker in this lodge. W. Bro. Kennedy is an ideal Master and has able support.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston: Visited February 7th. A very good attendance greeted me on this occasion, every officer of the lodge being present, which was most gratifying. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Tilley, who with his officers certainly merited the highest possible praise for the impressive way in which the work was done. This was only the second meeting with the new officers in their chairs, and it bespeaks well for the lodge. I had the pleasure on this occasion of meeting R. W. Bro. Welsh, P. D. D. G. M., who still retains an active interest in lodge work. Minden lodge is certainly progressive. V. W. Bro. T. D. Minnes, the Secretary, keeps his books in copperplate style. The Treasurer, V. W. Bro. Bailie, carries a nice little balance to the credit of the lodge.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston: Visited May 12. A good attendance was present, and I was pleased to see so many P. M.'s taking a continued interest in their lodge. R. W. Bro. A. Shaw was also present. The junior officers were all in their chairs, and the work of the third degree was performed by the W. M. in a perfect manner. The work of his Wardens is also of the best. The charge was most impressively rendered by W. Bro. Smeaton, whose regular attendance at every lodge meeting, not only of his own lodge but the meetings of sister lodges in this city, is a great pleasure and satisfaction to all. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Hendry, is full of energy, and although one of the oldest Masons in the city, is one of the youngest at heart and full of zeal for Masonry.

His minutes are accurately kept. Cataraqui lodge is very active and its progress sure.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburg: Visited May 17th. This lodge I had arranged to visit in the winter months, but owing to impassable roads, could not go. However, my visit at a later date was a very delightful one. There was a good attendance and the number was increased by a delegation of eight brethren from Union Lodge, Napanee, headed by W. Bro. Herrington. W. Bro. Welbanks conferred the third degree in an excellent manner, and he was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Longmore and W. Bro. Nesbitt. This lodge holds a splendid reputation for good work, and a deep interest is taken in it not only by the officers, but by worthy Past Masters who, though having faithfully served their terms, still retain their old enthusiasm. R. W. Bro. Aylesworth is an admirable Secretary and his minute books are patterns of neatness. This lodge cannot fail to make itself felt in the district.

Lodge of Instruction, Friday, March 3rd. The M. W. the Grand Master honored the brethren of Frontenac district by being present officially on this auspicious occasion. I say auspicious, because it was one of the largest and most enthusiastic Masonic gatherings ever held in Kingston. The opening and closing in the first degree was by the officers of Cataraqui, and the third by the officers of Minden. The exemplification of the third degree by the military brethren of the city, W. Bro. Creegan and W. Bro. Frape, doing the work of the W. M. The exemplification of the work by these highly skilled brethren proved most efficient and interesting to the immense assemblage of Masns, these being about 300 present. The district was fully represented, and had not the roads been so very heavy the attendance would have been much larger. The M. W. the G. M.'s presence was certainly sincerely appreciated, and his splendid address inspired enthusiasm in the minds of all present. After a banquet at the British American Hotel the gathering broke up at 3 a. m.

DISPENSATIONS.

Lorne Lodge, Tamworth, to install officers on February 24th; Lorne Lodge, Tamworth, to initiate, pass and raise a serving brother, February 14th; Westport Lodge,

to hold a joint illustration meeting, June 23rd; Lorne Lodge, Tamworth, to attend divine service, June 25th; Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, to attend divine service, June 18th; Rideau Lodge, Seeley's Bay, to attend divine service, June 18th.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

On assuming the duties of D. D. G. M. I brought this matter fully before each lodge in the district in a lengthy circular explaining the merits of the fund and also on the occasion of each official visit made an earnest appeal to the brethren for their hearty support to this well deserving object. I fully trust that a ready response has already been made and that this district will uphold its high reputation in connection with this fund.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES A. MINNES, D. D. G. M.

Frontenac District No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

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ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In submitting my report of St. Lawrence Distdict No. 15, I can state that it has been a pleasant duty and privilege to act in the honorable position of D. D. G. M., to which I was unanimously elected at Grand Lodge communication last year.

The district, as now formed, consisting of fourteen lodges, has been wisely adjusted by the Committee on Re-distribution. Every D. D. G. M. can keep in close touch with the various lodges and can pay official visits with but little trouble and loss of time. I have paid an official visit to every lodge in their regular night of meeting, with the exception of Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville, an emergent meeting of said lodge having been called for the purpose of holding a joint meeting with Salem Lodge, No. 368, of the same city, on the occasion of my official visit. Visiting lodges on regular nights of meeting has proved to be very satisfactory to the members, and as the district is now constituted there is no reason why every lodge should not be visited by every D. D. G. M., as above stated.

I am glad to report that the Order in this District is in a healthy and flourishing condition. The lodges are officered by zealous and competent Craftsmen, the work well executed and uniform—with a few minor exceptions—which on my advice have been corrected. Indeed, so well was the work performed that I did not deem it necessary to hold a Lodge of Instruction. In every instance the Secretaries are competent men, possessing a full knowledge of the duties devolving upon them, and as a result their books are well kept, which is very necessary to the proper working of a lodge. Some of them have been for years acting as Secretary and are therefore experts in the proper management of the Lodge books.

The finances of each lodge are in a healthy condition, all of the lodges are adding to their membership—some to a wonderful extent. It has been my privilege to record a very satisfactory year's progress. Some lodges are so situated as to make them more flourishing than others, but all are doing a noble work and making a splendid showing. A great share of our prosperity is due to the fact that a feeling of fraternity exists between members of sister lodges, a number exchange fraternal visits, which has a tendency to make the officers as near perfect as possible in the work. The Worshipful Masters, with few exceptions, are well posted and skilled craftsmen; they all can perform the duties devolving upon them in a creditable manner. The same can also be said concerning the other officers, proving that the fraternity in this district have used great caution in the selection of officers which they have made.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

On receipt of a circular letter from the Central Semi-Centennial Committee I immediately organized a District Committee, composed of the following brethren, viz.: R. W. Bros. J. A. Houston, Geo. K. Dewey and R. W. Watchorn. They assembled in the Masonic Hall, Merrickville, at the time appointed, and entered into the work in a very enthusiastic manner. They decided to visit every lodge in the district, place the object of the fund fully before the brethren, have a local committee appointed by each lodge, and urge upon the entire membership the great necessity of paying the several amounts required of them. My sincere thanks are due and hereby tendered to the members of the said district committee for the able and painstaking manner in which they performed their duty. I wrote to every Worshipful Master requesting him and his members to render every assistance possible to the members of the District Committee.

I learned when paying official visits that the R. W. brethren had performed their duty in such a creditable manner that there was but little I could add to make the matter more plain. A number of the lodges have met with considerable success, while others are making every effort to do their duty.

Although frequently urging the matter upon their attention, I am not in a position to know fully what has been

done, as in every instance the amounts collected are to be sent in by each lodge to the Grand Secretary not later than June 30th. I sincerely hope that St. Lawrence District will make as good a showing in regard to the fund as any other district in the province.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been granted to attend divine service: Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, June 18, 1905; Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Sunday, June 25, 1905, and to Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, for installing officers.

BY-LAWS.

During the year the following lodges submitted for the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, By-laws for the further governing of their lodges, that is to say, Salem Lodge, No. 368, and Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387.

DEATHS.

I have been advised of the following deaths: R. W. Bro. Oliver Bascom, of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, on Sunday, November 13, 1904. The deceased R. W. brother was well known throughout the district as a true and faithful craftsman, his zeal for Masonry knew no bounds save those of prudence. He was a kind and loving husband, and a good citizen. His name will long be held in loving remembrance by all who possessed the honor of his acquaintance. Bro. James Moore, Sussex Lodge, No. 5, on October 23, 1904; Bro. A. E. Sliter, Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, on November 25th, 1904; Bro. Frederick E. Putnam, Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, on December 14, 1904; Bro. William King, Sussex Lodge, No. 5, on May 20, 1905, and Central Lodge, No. 110, Bros. J. W. Leach, J. S. Allen and I. D. Purkis.

COMPLAINTS.

I have received very few complaints and have succeeded in adjusting them amicably.

VISITS.

My first official visit was to True Briton's Lodge, No. 14, Perth, on February 6th, 1905. Quite a large number were present, and the first degree was conferred on a can-

didate by the W. M. and his officers in a very creditable manner. The lodge is in good financial standing. The Secretary, W. Bro. Buffam, is thorough in the discharge of his duties, keeping his books in good condition and looking well after arrearages of dues. The W. M., W. Bros. Hope, McMartin and others made my visit a very pleasant one.

My next visit was paid to Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, on Monday, February 7th, 1905. The night was extremely cold; however, it did not prevent a large number of the brethren being present. The lodge room is large and well furnished. The Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. H. Wells keeps his books in perfect condition, and is a very enthusiastic Mason. I had the pleasure of again meeting R. W. Bros. Graham and Rook. The W. M. and his officers gave every satisfaction to the membership. One second and two third degrees were conferred in a very impressive and instructive manner. Financially the lodge is in good standing.

I visited Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, on February 15th, 1905. A large number of members and some visiting brethren were present to do me honor. The W. M. conferred two firsts in a highly satisfactory manner. He was ably assisted by his officers, proving that the members made a good selection for the official staff. The books are well kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. S. H. Guest, and the lodge is in a flourishing condition.

My next visit was to St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, on February 17th, 1905. This is one of the banner lodges in the district. It owes, in a great measure, its high state of efficiency to the great interest that has been taken in its success by R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston. He is, and has been for some years, their energetic Secretary, and it is needless to add that his books are kept in first-class condition. A very large number of the members were present, also the W. M. and a number of brethren of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55. A third degree was conferred on a candidate by the W. M., assisted by Past Masters, in a very creditable manner. The officers are all well posted in the work that devolves upon them. In every respect the lodge is in a flourishing condition.

I visited Sussex Lodge, No. 5, and Salem Lodge, No. 368, of Brockville, on March 13th, 1905. There were over two hundred members and visitors present in their

beautiful Masonic lodge room. It is second to none for completeness. Both lodges are officered by zealous and competent craftsmen, having the full confidence of the brethren. R. W. Bro. G. K. Dewey, Secretary of Sussex Lodge, No. 5, is a painstaking official, and his books are kept in first-class order. The same can also be said in regard to Bro. James Reynolds, the energetic Secretary of Salem Lodge, No. 368. The finances of both lodges are in first-class condition. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by the officers of both lodges in an impressive and correct manner. The W. M's of both lodges and officers of both lodges are fully competent to perform all the duties required of them. I had the pleasure of renewing the acquaintance of R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, of Kingston, who was present at the meeting. Brockville lodges possess a number of expert Masons, many who have held high rank in the Order, and who will take a great interest in its success. The lodges also possess an orchestra, under the able leadership of Prof. Bro. John Stenson, which, as a musical organization will take high rank with any of its kind in the province. The musical selections of Bro. W. H. Albery are always very much appreciated.

I visited Lyn Lodge, No. 416, on March 14th, and was accompanied by the following Brockville brethren, R. W. Bro. Dewey, W. Bros. Rath, Gilham and Dowell. About twenty were present. The W. M., R. W. Bro. Bullock and officers are all well posted in the work required of them. The books of the Secretary are well kept, the finances good, and the lodge prosperous. I had the pleasure of again meeting R. W. Bro. Cumming.

I visited Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta, on March 15th. R. W. Bro. Dewey accompanied me and installed the officers in a very impressive manner. W. Bro. Dr. Waddell is very prompt in having his work done correctly, and makes an ideal Secretary. The lodge room is owned by the brethren and is nicely furnished. It appears to be difficult to fill the office of Worshipful Master, the present incumbent being a Past Master of many years' standing. As an increase of membership is expected in the near future, I am confident that the present Wardens will perfect themselves in the work and as a result be elected to the East in due time. Financially the lodge is in good standing, and prospects bright.

My next visit was to Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne. A very large number of members were present to welcome me. Some misunderstanding had been in existence in the lodge for some time, but shortly after my arrival everything was amicably adjusted. The Secretary keeps his books in good condition, the members are very enthusiastic and the prospects of the lodge bright.

I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, on April 13. R. W. Bro. Rev. L. A. Betts, of Brockville, was present and gave a very inspiring and instructive address. Quite a number were present at the meeting. The W. M. and his officers are young men capable of discharging the duties devolving upon them. They have the able assistance of the Past Masters. The books of the Secretary are well kept, the lodge nicely furnished, and the finances good.

I paid a visit to Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown, on April 17th. A large number of the members were present, also R. W. Bro. Bullock, W. Bro. Stafford, of Lyn, and W. Bro. Horton and another brother from Lansdowne. A second degree was conferred on a candidate in a correct manner, the W. M., his Wardens and officers being well acquainted with their several parts. The lodge room is well furnished, the finances good, the Secretary's books well kept, and the membership enthusiastic. They are honored in having a father and six sons as members, which is not enjoyed by any other lodge in the province.

I paid Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, a visit, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Rev. L. A. Betts, on April 19th. A large representation of the members were present. The W. M. and his officers performed their several parts in a very satisfactory manner. The Secretary was not present, but I found that his books were kept in good order. The brethren own their nicely furnished lodge room, and have every reason to be proud of it. The Past Masters and members are all workers in the cause of Masonry, and have considerable work on hand. R. W. Bro. Rev. Betts delivered an instructive address, which was enjoyed by all present.

I visited St. James Lodge, No. 74, South Augusta, on May 15th, accompanied by W. Bros. Mowatt, Story, Knapp and a number of other Brockville brethren. They possess a neat and handsome lodge room. They own the building and are free from debt, the finances are in good condition, and the books of the Secretary well kept. The

members are all up to date and have the interest of Masonry at heart. The first degree was conferred, assisted by the Brockville Past Masters present in a satisfactory manner. The members of St. James lodge have every reason to be justly proud of their fine property.

On May 16th I paid an official visit to my mother lodge, Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville. Quite a number of members were present, including some visiting brethren. A second degree was conferred in a correct and satisfactory manner, the officers being well skilled and very enthusiastic. The books are in good condition, the finances good, and the lodge flourishing. The lodge room has been newly furnished, a new carpet purchased, the walls hung with a large number of photographs of Past Masters and members in uniform frames, which adds very much to the fine appearance of the room.

In conclusion I wish to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the very hearty and welcome manner in which they all received me, and for the many acts of kindness extended to me on every occasion. I have made no mention of the many banquets furnished during my official visits; however, I am deeply grateful for the same, and will ever hold in fond remembrance the fraternal greetings accorded me, also of old friendships renewed and new ones formed.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

G. B. MAGEE, D. D. G. M.

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

To complete my duties as inspector of the work in the sixteenth district, I submit to you a report of my visits and the working condition of the lodges. In doing this I shall leave out all recollections of banquets, except one or two at which distinguished brethren were present, and place before you my opinion in as concise a manner as it is possible for me to do, and I hope clear enough for you to gauge the general state of affairs in the Ottawa district.

Following the custom established by my predecessor, I appointed Bro. Rev. A. W. McKay, of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. J. B. Wright, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, District Secretary. To both of these brethren I return thanks for their help.

The district is now composed of seventeen lodges, all of which I have visited—one country lodge four times, and to five Ottawa lodges extra visits have been paid. With one exception all have presented degree work for my examination—sometimes more than one degree—not reluctantly, but with apparent eagerness and anxiety to do the work well. Bearing in mind the good work—that which was average, or that fair (mistakes having occurred, mostly of an immaterial nature), I think I may truly say that the work will compare favorably with that of any other district in your jurisdiction. In the detailed account of my visit to each lodge, which will follow, comparison has been made with a high standard of efficiency, concluding that if I made this the rule when criticising work, it would be an incentive to greater perfection. I make this explanation that I may not appear inconsistent. To put it concisely, the seventeen lodges may be classed as follows: Twelve are well officered and do good work, three do average work, one below average, and one may

be only resting for a time, but I think symptoms of death have set in. All the rest are active.

Returns in at present indicate that the net increase in membership over last year will be 25, or 27 per cent. for the whole district. They also show that in the seven city lodges a gain of over 60 per cent. has been made this year over that of last, and that country lodge work has therefore fallen off considerably. From the same source I gather that arrearages are fully as heavy as heretofore, there being about three thousand dollars unpaid on June 24th. With the exception of Goodwood all have comfortable, well furnished rooms, and funds for their present and immediate future needs.

VISITS.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa: A substantial old lodge. Always a good one, but raising its standard from year to year in the choice of officers, and of the material which it is admitting. Recent occurrences, of which I have knowledge, lead to the conclusion that they recognize the fact that every man was not made for Masonry. The hand of death has unfortunately been laid heavily upon their membership the past year, six in all, and although in theory we should mourn for all alike, one cannot help feel sadder when memory calls up two of the old Past Masters, W. Bro. David Scott, who, had he but lived a few months longer, would have seen his son following in his footsteps and installed as Master of the lodge, and V. W. Bro. Reynolds—both equally respected while living, and regretted now that they are gone. My official visit was paid May 2nd, W. Bro. Sproule and his officers presenting a third degree for my examination. The W. M. is a very fluent worker, not easily rattled no matter what comes or goes, although at some of their meetings at which I have been present I thought dictation and annoyance was resorted to by some members from whom wise counsel only should be expected. The work of the other officers was satisfactory, and I considered the degree well done. I accepted their invitation to perform the installation ceremony on June 24th, and have great pleasure in certifying to the efficiency of the present staff and predict a good year for the lodge. Membership, 174; increase, 9.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa, of which I am a member.

For the purpose of this report other meetings than that of my official visit May 2nd will be considered. The lodge has held twenty-three meetings. Initiated twenty-six, passed twenty-one, raised eighteen. In members the increase has been beyond expectation. So much degree work has presented itself during the past year as to turn what should be a pleasure into toil and late hours. We were particularly fortunate in having in the first half of my term an energetic, enthusiastic W. M., W. Bro. Bart-ram, who hunted up all the old members who have not been attending and induced them to come to the meetings. He succeeded so well that on one occasion there were not enough ballots to go around, and he was forced to ask if a sufficient number of brethren would volunteer to retire to even up with the ballot box. The work of this W. brother and his officers during that term is worthy of commendation, being up to the standard characteristic of this lodge. I had the sincere pleasure at our last meeting of presenting to this W. brother a Past Master's jewel, and I consider it well placed. The present W. M. and his officers, on the evening of my official visit, conferred the third degree well. The work was given by the W. M. in a distinct, impressive and conversational manner, and the other officers emulated the good example set by him. We were also honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master at one of our meetings, March 28th, the celebration of the fiftieth year of our existence as a lodge. The largest gathering of the Craft of this district that it has been my pleasure to see was present to pay their respects to him. To me was assigned the honor of presenting to him a suitable souvenir of the occasion from Doric lodge. We were delighted to again have with us our old friends, M. W. Bro. William Gibson, the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Shaw, also M. W. Bro. Kerr and R. W. Bro. Roaf, who rarely pay the Craft in this portion of the province a visit. All were heartily welcome, and the brethren of the district who were present felt amply repaid after listening to the addresses of these distinguished members of Grand Lodge. Membership, 143; increase for the year, 28.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: One of the most progressive in the district. My visit was paid at an emergent meeting held March 22nd, consequently there was a small attendance, but at their regular assem-

blies they have an average of twenty-five for the year. The work presented by W. Bro. Muirhead and his officers was the Master Mason's degree. The performance was nearer perfection than any I have witnessed during my term of office, the floor work of the Deacons being very fine in every detail. This lodge may be included among those who are fortunate in being able to boast that they have competent rulers. Steady progress has characterized this lodge for some years, but the past year has been exceptional, showing the greatest net gain and the largest membership of any country lodge under my supervision, nor has the outlook ever been more promising than at present. The success attending the collection of the Semi-Centennial Fund is due to the persistent efforts and businesslike manner in which the representative on the District Committee, W. Bro. Gorrell, handled it.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew: I think my visit to this lodge was made too soon after the installation of their new officers for them to do that justice to the work of which they are capable. I am intimately acquainted with a great many of their members, and know that the usual standard of the work is of the highest, but on the evening of my visit executive work went crosswise, to the discomfiture of the W. M., and helped to spoil his degree work. An initiation was exemplified for my examination, and candor compels me to say it was not done as smoothly as I had anticipated from their record, due, I think, to a bad case of rattle, and not to ignorance of the proper way, or a want of interest, but simply as occasionally happens in every lodge—the work got started wrong. The lodge has on the membership roll three enthusiastic P. D. D. G. M's and a band of P. M's who attend regularly and look closely after its welfare. Notice of motion has been given by one of these brethren to raise the initiation fee from twenty to thirty dollars, and as I am an advocate of a high fee I hope it will carry. Membership, 118. Arrears of dues are small—\$69.50; and they have \$450 in cash.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke: I officially visited March 2nd, in company with R. W. Bros. May and Wilson, W. Bros. Brownlee, Rogers, Brown and Newton, enthusiastic Masons whom I was delighted to have with me. This lodge possesses the nicest and best-appointed premises of any outside the city of Ottawa. Fine large

ante-rooms and corridor, a rare thing for a country lodge. The attendance was small for the membership. The W. M. and officers exemplified the Fellowcraft degree for my examination, the work being fairly well done. The lodge was also opened and closed in the Master Mason's degree, when I was surprised at the various ways in which it is possible to give the casual signs, as exhibited in this instance. The knowledge of the correct way in this regard, I think, is an essential matter, and one which I have had to point out in most of the lodges, an utter absence of the knowledge of the proper movements being the rule. The W. M. appears to be able to repeat the work to a candidate, but lacks a knowledge of the proper way of receiving a superior officer and a familiarity with other little niceties of our ceremonies that are beside the actual work. Visiting other lodge would be beneficial and remedy the defect. These good brethren head the list of contributions to the Semi-Centennial Fund in this district, having paid to the Treasurer \$363 dollars to the credit of this account for the year. To V. W. Bro. Morris, J. G. Forgie and the R. W. the D. G. Master J. H. Burritt, the credit of this proud position belongs of right.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte: A very small attendance on the night of my visit, March 3rd, considering that their membership at present writing is 86. One candidate was passed to the Fellowcraft degree and the work was, with the exception of that of the W. M., W. Bro. Kelly, not very well done, a go-as-you-please gait prevailing all through the meeting; nor did it appear to me that either of the Wardens were conscious of the dignity of their positions or familiar with that decorum in their actions observed by well qualified officers. In a small town of this size—one in which every man is a neighbor—I can readily understand that such things may be a delicate matter for a W. M. to attempt to enforce, and without hesitation I gave him what I considered a helping hand by pointing these errors out after the degree had been conferred. Officers of country lodges unfortunately do not visit where they can see good work done. If they did, mistakes followed for years would soon be rectified and some old-fashioned notions laid on the shelf. They have nice rooms, recently decorated and put in shape. I trust my visit will prove beneficial.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa: I arranged

with the W. M. previous to the meeting at which I paid my official visit that this lodge should endeavor to give the work of the third degree perfectly, and with a musical service, also that members of other lodges should be invited to attend, my idea being to perfect the Craft of the city in the changes recently made, and in some other portions of the work of this degree, and at the same time giving the visiting brethren the unusual treat of having this impressive degree accompanied by suitable and good music well rendered. The W. M. very kindly consented, and a large gathering was the result. W. Bro. Rowan and his Wardens are good workers, each rendering the part assigned to him in a distinct and impressive tone, and the floor work of the Deacons was excellent. Many complimentary remarks were heard, and the lodge is to be congratulated upon their present officers. The welcome extended to me on this occasion was most fraternal, and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond: I had a pleasant twenty-mile drive with W. Bro. Bartram, of Doric Lodge, No. 58, when I paid my official visit to this lodge in the old village of Richmond. The lodge is one of the oldest in the district. If my memory serves me right, M. W. Bro. Robertson's history records it as having first received a dispensation April 20th, 1821. Be that as it may, I had no hesitation in remarking to the brethren that it looked to me as if the building in which they meet at present writing must have been built at the same date, with very little spent for repairs in the meantime. But before the meeting ended they got back at me in a satisfactory way by stating that a movement was on foot for a change, which I was delighted to hear, as they need new rooms badly. The quality of the degree work which I witnessed—an initiation—I am glad to say was not in line with the premises. Especially is this true on the part of W. Bro. Rev. Chas. Saddington, W. M., who is well up in the work—cool headed and having a good voice. It was a pleasure to listen. The other officers performed their parts fairly well when one remembers the cramped position for the J. D. to work in. Their handling of the executive affairs of the lodge I did not like, and I so informed them. Motions passed at a previous meeting occasionally meet a sad fate at a subsequent meeting, when another is passed distinctly opposed to the

first, and without its being rescinded and without a twinge of conscience as to the legality of the action. Other matters along the same lines led me to point out to them the proper procedure in such cases, and I think they will mend their ways. The membership is 70; increase for the year, 5; average attendance, 15.

Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa: The city school teachers' recreation ground, not less than eight, I think, being members of this lodge, and take a great interest in the work. Its affairs are entrusted to able hands, and on the evening of my visit, February 10th, there did not appear to be a weak man among the officers, which is no doubt due to frequent rehearsals and the care exercised by the W. M. and his Wardens. The work—that of raising—was performed in the excellent and impressive manner for which the lodge is noted. It has the largest membership of any lodge in the district, namely 179. Increase for the year, 16. I also attended their regular meeting on June 9th for the purpose of installing new officers, and I predict for the lodge under their rule continued prosperity. On my first visit I was requested by the W. M., on behalf of the lodge, to present Past Masters' jewels to three, and at the second visit, to four of their Past Masters. While I admit that these W. brethren were worthy, and though delighted to see them rewarded, I have a feeling that this honor would have been more appreciated if it had been offered at different intervals, thus giving the deputy an opportunity of addressing each recipient in words applicable to his case. W. M's are not at all alike in the conduct of lodge affairs. One may be remembered for his work in a certain part of the duties of his office in which he excels; a second may have become distinguished for his proficiency in another direction, whilst a third may be celebrated as thoroughly qualified in all respects. Handing out these jewels in shovel-fuls leaves a bad impression on the mind, is liable to create a wrongful idea of the value of this rank for young members, and probably lead them to believe that no matter what their conduct may be on attaining the P. M. rank, they will get a jewel. I think the lodge that is not too free, but conservative, in this respect shows good judgment. Another pleasant event of the evening was a presentation by the lodge of a case of silver to a charter member, R. W. Bro. Rea, who is really "the warrior" of

the district. R. W. Bro. Featherstone in well chosen words acted for the members on this occasion.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior: The idea was very quickly impressed upon my mind that "the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart, charity," would be the first and chief business at any meeting of this lodge when help is required among their members, an illustration of which occurred on the occasion of my visit, namely, a nurse and funds provided to pay expense already contracted, and for future needs in the case of a serious illness of an old P. M. A resolution was passed empowering the W. M. to get a nurse and pay what was necessary, with that dispatch which could only come from frequent habit of responding, in time of need. The total sum paid for relief for the year amounted to \$126, showing plainly that the word "charity," as understood by this lodge is not an empty sound. The executive work was done with a swing—not tediously, as often occurs—the result of the W. M. and Secretary having it under perfect control. The second degree, conferred for my inspection by the W. M. and his officers, was equally well done. All were well drilled, due to frequent practices and a proper understanding of the work. It is a most satisfactory lodge and I thoroughly enjoyed my visit. Membership, 99; increase for the year, 2.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark: The purpose, I assume, for which this lodge was started, that of keeping "ever green" in the memory of the brethren of Lanark the principles of Freemasonry and a knowledge of Craft work seems to have been entirely lost, and the title of the lodge in its present condition altogether inappropriate for one dying of neglect and indifference, as this is. I am truly sorry for W. Bro. Buffam, the present Secretary, and three other brethren whose names are written on page after page of the attendance book, and underneath "no quorum." They have had but one meeting (February 7th) from June 24th, 1904, until the date of my visit, June 6th, 1905, the regular night for the election of officers. The W. M., W. Bro. Rev. D. C. MacIntosh, was away, so the Secretary, W. Bro. Buffam, took the chair, and conducted the election, a P. M., not present, being elected to the position of W. M. Whether the officers have been installed or not I have been unable to find out, although I have written and offered to go up if I could be

of any help, but they do not reply to communications promptly. Their present membership is 50, 38 of whom are in arrears of dues, with a total arrearage of about \$350. To find a reason or excuse for their present position is difficult. It is what is termed a "mill town," and I judge that the greater portion of the members are mechanics, or employed and live in the village within a stone's throw of the hall, so that the old excuse of country lodges, "long drives" does not apply in this case. The surrounding country is a fine one, and the people seem prosperous. I could not learn of any dissension among the members, and apparently therefore it would appear that the lodge is dying of that disease called "dry rot." To suggest a remedy to my successor would be easy, but hard for him, as the village is twelve miles from a railroad station. I think they need repeated visits of an enthusiastic and well-posted Mason to stir them up—one who will go around and look them up on the day of meeting, and lead in the work of the evening. Few men, however, have the time to do this. Perhaps it would be true to say that fewer still have the inclination to do it for those who are so indifferent themselves.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, Ottawa: I was present at their meeting in December to inspect the work, and was greeted by a large turnout of their own and visiting members. I am gratified at the change for the better in this lodge, for at one time it was suggested that the charter should be surrendered, but a few enthusiastic brethren determined to bring it up to a good standard and they have succeeded. They now have 143 members on the roll. Net increase for the year, 10. Average attendance, 30. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was well done by the W. M., W. Bro. A. P. Herbert and his officers. Some mistakes were made, of course, but on the whole the work was up to the average. My remarks upon the misses were received kindly, and I think they will be remedied in the work hereafter. The pleasure was assigned to me of presenting to W. Bro. S. S. Davidson a P. M's jewel on behalf of the lodge. A zealous Mason, and a thoroughly good fellow; I was delighted to be their mouth piece on this occasion. I again visited the lodge June 20th and installed their officers. The auditors' report was read, and I learned from it that they have \$1,100 invested in bank stock. The present

W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Scott, will make a fine ruler. He will be ably assisted by his officers, and I predict for the lodge a successful year.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa: I visited April 25th and June 27th. The work on each occasion was the initiation of three candidates, not in any sense well done, in either case. The Senior Warden has practically resigned, and that chair has to be filled by a Past Master each night. The Deacons do not take any great interest in the work, so that the W. M., a brother well up in years, has rather an uncomfortable time. Dissatisfaction, never an out and out quarrel, of a couple of years' standing among the officers, and which of course has extended to a few members outside of the staff, has really been the cause of the present working condition of the lodge. This cause is now happily clearing away, and I hope that soon the lodge will return to its normal working state. It seems to me a difficult lodge to govern, needing a man at its head with sufficient force of will and tact to make the others carry out his wishes. The present one is too good-natured and inexperienced to fill the bill. He could, however, improve matters in a marked degree if he would take the trouble to drill two or three members whom I know are capable and have offered their services for subordinate positions. Work would then be better than at present. Membership, 130; increase for the year, 12.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa: I was present at their regular meeting, 24th February, for the purpose of making observations for this report and witnessing a very fine presentation of the ceremony of initiation of a candidate. I previously asked the W. M. that he and his officers endeavor to do the work as perfectly as possible, and also that he extend invitations to members of other city lodges to be present. W. Bro. Brownlee in his usual kindly way, readily acceded to my request. To those living here and knowing these officers, it would be needless to say that the brethren were treated to a very fine exemplification of this degree, the whole being done with that solemnity which makes a good impression on the candidate. Only one or two misses were made, and they were pointed out only because of the circumstance related above, and not to find fault. The official staff of the lodge are as capable of working the other degrees as

the one presented on the night of my visit. W. Bro. Wright, Secretary (who is also the District Secretary), has his books in the best possible shape. Its membership is 109; increase for the year, 20; outstanding dues, \$50; cash in hand, about \$800. My debut in the "guid claes" of a D. D. G. M. was made in this lodge on September 23rd, the celebration of their 25th anniversary, and Past Masters' night combined. The W. M.'s chair was occupied by W. Bro. Northwood, who with the officers for the evening worked the first degree. Although it is many years since the W. brother held that position by election, it was done with that completeness and vigor which younger men might advantageously emulate, and brought forth complimentary remarks from all present. He also received great commendation for the character of the address with which he favored us when the work was finished. The brethren were also honored by the presence of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, who was asked to perform one of those little courtesies that make life pleasant. The brethren of the city having requested him to present to Bro. Sweetman, Tyler of the lodges for the past fifty years, with a photo of himself and a purse well filled with gold. The pleasure also was given me of presenting a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Paine, a zealous member of the lodge. M. W. Bro. Ellis, of St. John, and M. W. Bro. T. B. Flint, P. G. Masters of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were also present.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville: The impression got into my head from some source before I reached the village that this lodge was not in very good shape, but that impression was removed by what I saw and heard on my official visit. It may be that I gathered this wrong impression from reports of the poor premises occupied. But this has now been changed, the brethren having secured other, and, I understand, more commodious and appropriate quarters. They are waiting for some one to dedicate these new apartments, which ceremony I advised should be put off until the fall season. The W. M. and officers conferred the third degree on one candidate, he having to repeat the obligation of the second degree before the work started. The rendering of the W. M.'s part was not an impressive one; but, on the contrary, it was taken at that galloping pace which is hard to follow and unpleasant to hear, showing that he does not possess

a proper conception of his position as a teacher in the Craft, nor of the subject matter of this degree. I pointed out to him that I considered this a defect in his work, and one easily remedied by studying the ideas intended to be conveyed, which, if once impressed upon his mind would enable him to exemplify the degree more naturally, more impressively, and more in accordance with its solemn character. Mistakes occurred, of course, in the work of the other officers, but on the whole I considered the degree as having been conferred in average form. These brethren are enthusiastic, anxious to learn, received what I had to say in a fraternal spirit, and I have not the least doubt that the lodge will continue to prosper and to improve materially in their work.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden: The first of my visits of inspection over the district was made to this lodge in company with distinguished P. M's from Renfrew, and W. Bro. Bartram, of Ottawa. They have a comfortable hall and all the necessities for the requirements of the work. The W. M., R. W. Bro. Rev. M. Wilson, conferred the E. A. and M. M's degrees in an impressive manner, showing familiarity with his subject, but like nearly all brethren who follow his calling in life, expressed his knowledge of it to a considerable extent in his own language, which, however, seemed to me as appropriate to the occasion in hand as the authorized work. I had not the heart to do more than request a closer attention to the recognized version, and to caution those present who are not likely to be so gifted, and who may perhaps occupy that position in the lodge at some future time, from attempting to follow his example. The rest of the officers performed the work in a very creditable manner considering the length of time they have existed as a lodge. I pointed out the changes made in the floor work and had the satisfaction of seeing them carried out. I was much impressed with the fraternal spirit exhibited toward each other, also with the fact that having two ministers of the gospel, W. M. and J. Warden, in office, both staid Presbyterians, the brethren could not possibly go far astray. Membership, 49; increase for the year, 13.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp: The youngest in the district. The pleasure was assigned to me of delivering to them their warrant and consecrating their hall on October 14th by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master. In

this work I was ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Cleary, Wilson, Robertson, May, Hood, and other distinguished brethren from almost every part of the district, a complete list of whose names I have unfortunately mislaid. This lodge has been launched under exceptionally advantageous circumstances. The present W. M. owns the building, in which they have all the requirements the work calls for. Fine country district around them, and all good fellows. The brethren entertained the visitors after the lodge closed. Instructive addresses were delivered at the banquet by Bro. John Reid, of Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, and Bro. Rev. J. D. MacCallum, Chaplain of the lodge. I have paid four visits to this lodge, deeming it my duty to see that they got started properly, and to give them help in the work if required. From what little trouble I have taken I have been amply rewarded in observing the interest the brethren take in the work and the success that has accrued in the lodge in consequence. At my official visit of inspection February 16th the work of the evening, an initiation was very well performed. Some mistakes were made, which I pointed out after the work was over, but I am not at all ashamed of their actions. The W. M. is the member for Carleton county of the Legislative Assembly, and consequently a busy man. I do not think up to the date of my official visit he could confer the third degree. They have now a membership of 40, a gain of 10 for the year.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations granted by me have been for the purpose of attending divine service only, namely, to St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place; Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew; Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke; Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte; Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden; Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS—DISPENSATIONS.

Amendments to by-laws confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, also dispensations granted by his favor to the lodges and likely to be reported by him, I do not record.

CONSECRATION.

That of Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp, as mentioned in my report on that lodge.

INSTALLATIONS.

I have made no particular record of the installation of officers made by me in the different lodges, for, although of some local interest, they are hardly of sufficient moment to the craft at large to be more than incidentally referred to here.

DEATHS.

Information in this regard, generally speaking, reaches the D. D. G. M. by chance, and not through the Secretary, the proper channel. I have knowledge of the following: V. W. Bro. W. G. S. Reynolds, W. Bro. David Scott, Bro. David Goyer, Bro. Archie Bailey, Bro. J. C. DalGLISH and Bro. R. F. Yule, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa; Bro. Aaron Brown, of St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place; Bro. Elkanah Mayhew, Bro. Daniel Hilliard McArthur, Bro. Wm. Barclay Craig and Bro. Wm. N. Faichney, of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew; W. Bro. Shillson, Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte; W. Bro. George Richman, Bro. E. A. Bates, Bro. R. G. Moles and Bro. John Riddell, Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

In compliance with instructions received in this matter I appointed R. W. Bro. Robertson, Treasurer, W. Bro. J. B. Wright, Secretary, and one member from each lodge to compose a District Committee. I also requested the W. M. of each lodge to appoint a sub-committee assigning to each a certain number of the brethren to call upon in the interests of this fund. With one exception (Evergreen, No. 209, Lanark) all have responded and did good work. Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior, have \$123 collected which they are holding in trust to the credit of this account, and which will be paid over when they have completed collection of \$3 per member. This District Committee have held two meetings—on December 7th, 1904, and June 14th, 1905. The total return from the fifteen lodges, paid over to the Treasurer on these two occasions, amounted to \$1,836.50, which has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary. I think it is only proper that I should record the names of those brethren who composed this committee and also the amount paid in by each lodge, for the information of my successor. Perhaps, too, it

may be an incentive to those lodges who are apathetic to brace up and do better next year.

LODGE CONTRIBUTIONS.

77 Yonge street, Toronto, Oct. 1st, 1904.

Dalhousie, No. 52, Ottawa, R. W. Bro. G. S. May	\$156 00
Doric, No. 58, Ottawa, R. W. Bro. Robertson.....	345 00
St. John's, No. 63, Carleton Place, W. Bro. Gorrell...	140 00
Renfrew, No. 122, Renfrew, R. W. Bro. Barr.....	66 50
Pembroke, No. 128, Pembroke, V. W. Bro. A. Morris..	363 00
Mississippi, No. 147, Almonte, W. Bro. Dr. Steele....	53 00
Civil Service, No. 148, Ottawa, R. W. Bro. Walsh....	173 00
Goodwood, No. 159, Richmond, W. Bro. Dr. Danby....	19 00
The Builders, No. 177, Ottawa, R. W. Bro. Rea.....	101 00
Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa, W. Bro. H. W. Wilson.....	182 00
Chaudiere, No. 264, Ottawa, W. Bro. W. Ross.....	104 00
Prince of Wales, No. 371, Ottawa, R. W. Bro. J. Wilson	63 00
Bonnechere, No. 433, Eganville, W. Bro. H. G. Beattie	46 00
Carleton, No. 465, Bro. T. E. Argue.....	25 00
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REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS.

There are one or two matters which I desire to touch upon and which I think, if adopted, will be beneficial in the executive affairs of lodges, particularly in those of city lodges.

1. In regard to Secretaries. That officer is usually voted a sum of \$25 yearly, "not as a reward for his services," being the general term of the resolution. I notice that is about all the reward he gets other than the oft-expressed snub on asking for dues from members. To my mind this sum is not enough, considering the time spent, nor is it sufficient to induce a good man to accept the position. Many suspensions and resignations would, I am persuaded, be avoided, and there would be much less outstanding dues were Secretaries paid adequately, and that it was made a part of their duty to personally call upon brethren in arrears—of whom unfortunately, there are many at present. Business methods are not, but should be, applied to this important part of Masonic work, and I think that a matter of say, \$75 a year, would be well and profitably spent in this direction by any of the Ottawa lodges.

I am also in favor of the plan of giving a rebate in cases where the full year's dues are paid in advance. This plan, together with the better payment of Secretaries,

would help materially, though perhaps not altogether solve, the problem of arrearages.

In visiting the different lodges I have recommended that the initiation fee should be raised from \$30 to \$50 or even \$60. Freemasonry is too cheap—at all events in this district. It seems to me beneath the dignity of this ancient and honorable fraternity that when and legitimate but unusual expenditure, however small, is mentioned, there should be scratching of heads and wonderment as to whether the lodge funds can stand the call. Lodges generally in this district have enjoyed a great measure of prosperity during the last few years and yet, as a rule, they are all (or nearly all) comparatively poor, so much so indeed that a cessation of work for a couple of years would probably result in financial embarrassment, if not worse, to the majority. And this monetary straitness is owing largely to too small an initiation fee.

I have long thought men are joining under this low fee who are unable to afford even that much—that they are paying us money which should rather be spent upon their families. Everyone has not the right to this luxury any more than he has to any other luxury beyond his means, and the result of his indulgence finds expression in indifferent attendance at lodge and in arrearages. If a candidate is not in a position to pay an adequate initiation fee and keep up his dues quite outside his duty to those dependent upon him, I think the matter should receive serious consideration when the application is considered.

Then there is the speculative individual who is ready to take the risk of a return in some form for his investment when the initiation fee is low. With, however, an adequate fee such undesirable individuals would probably be debarred from offering themselves.

In my opinion the lodges have altogether too much dry routine work, night after night, occasionally, indeed, extending into the morning hours. A reference to the work performed by one particular lodge and mentioned elsewhere, namely, 26 initiations, 21 passings and 18 raisings, ought to convince anyone conversant with the necessary labor entailed that there should be a change. Such a record is, I submit, more than any lodge can perfectly perform. There is not enough time to properly post Candidates and instruct them so that they may acquit themselves creditably, not enough time to do other than

automatically grind out Masons, who are under present circumstances dismissed so hurriedly and so abruptly as to give the newly initiated a poor impression of the work and its impressive character, which is a matter for deep regret, since first impressions are generally the most lasting. It would apparently be better for the Craft to enlighten and interest present members and those who may be initiated, though few in number, under an increased fee, than to imperfectly instruct a larger number.

In advocating a substantial increase in the initiation fee I have had in mind the spreading of a better knowledge of the aims and objects of the Craft, as well as the development of the fraternal and social phase of our work—helping to make our lodges what they were intended to be, namely the educators and promoters of good fellowship and brotherly love.

In the goodness of their hearts the brethren on the occasion of my different visits provided a surfeit of banquets. To my thinking banquets are a mistake unless indeed instructive addresses are given, otherwise one soon tires of hearing speeches, the main burden of which is "I am glad to be here," and which, unfortunately, is pretty nearly the limit of my own elocutionary powers.

Of course, I do not presume that these remarks and suggestions are shared by all the brethren, but perhaps there may be therein matter for reflection and adoption. At all events, I know that a good many brethren are favorable to the suggestion of a considerably larger initiation fee.

And now I have finished the story for which many of the brotherhood await anxiously from year to year, eager to learn whether what is said be complimentary or otherwise. If in my report any have been rubbed the (to them) wrong way, or should they feel they have been misjudged in their work, I trust they will remember that the welfare of the Craft has been consistently kept in mind, and that there has not existed any desire to point out for purposes of ridicule to the Masonic world, either lodge or member. If I had made any mistake I can unhesitatingly assure the brethren it has been made through ignorance of what are, perhaps, the true conditions, and not from any wish to be ill-natured or fault finding.

The year has been an exceedingly pleasant one to me. I have met everywhere with unvarying kindness and true

brotherly regard. My experience has taught me that the apron which we wear is a "badge of innocence and a bond of friendship among the eighteen hundred and fifty members of this district, subject, of course, to the usual frailties of human nature. I can assure you that I have appreciated the high honor of being unanimously called to rule over them.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. A. LUKE. D. D. G. M.

Ottawa District, No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in the Ottawa District, No. 16, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'd		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
				Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.							M. M.	Regular.	Emergency.										Total.
52	Dalhousie.	Ottawa.	174	9		16	13	9	2	3	3	3	6	11	10	21	27	\$74 00	32	\$ 309 75	June 24, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	H. Com.	
58	Doric.	Ottawa.	143	28		26	21	18	7	1	5	1	1	10	13	23	33	80 25	15	235 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	H. Com.	
63	St. John's.	Carleton Place	167	14		16	13	13	1	2	3	3	2	2	13	9	22	25	10 00	35	175 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	\$1200 00
122	Renfrew.	Renfrew.	118	1		6	6	6	2	1	2	1	1	4	13	5	18	23	30 00	18	69 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	500 00
128	Pembroke.	Pembroke.	138	1		4	5	6	9	1	2	1	1	8	14	3	17	24	76 69	13	126 75	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	1300 00
147	Mississippi	Almonte.	86	1		3	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	5	2	7	24	50 00	14	212 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	500 00
148	Civil Serv.	Ottawa.	102	11		11	4	7	6	5	3	3	3	2	11	2	13	15	10 00	Dec. 27, '04	Not Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
159	Good wood	Richmond.	70	5		4	7	6	3	3	3	3	3	2	12	4	16	46	83 35	17	333 58	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	H. Com.
177	Builders.	Ottawa.	179	16		17	13	6	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	13	10	23	17	126 00	...	Good	Bright	Yes	750 00	
196	Madaw'ska.	Arnprior	99	2		11	10	12	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	9	5	00	38	330 00	June 24, '03	Good	V'y Poor	Yes	200 00	
209	Evergreen.	Lanark.	50	2		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	9	5	00	...	...	...	Yes	H. Com.	
231	Fidelity.	Ottawa.	143	10		12	14	13	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	10	4	14	30	92 50	11	Good	Bright	Yes	H. Com.	
264	Chaudiere.	Ottawa.	130	12		12	8	7	2	2	4	1	1	13	2	15	21	126 50	19	209 38	June 24, '04	Fair	Not Good	Yes	H. Com.	
371	Pri. Wales.	Ottawa.	168	20		18	16	12	3	3	5	2	2	10	6	16	33	70 00	5	50 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	Yes	H. Com.	
433	Bonnech'e.	Eganville.	49	5		10	9	6	2	2	5	2	1	12	3	15	21	45 00	9	114 75	Dec., 1904	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00	
459	Cobden.	Cobden.	49	13		12	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	10	7	17	20	5 00	...	...	...	Fair	Bright	Yes	400 00
465	Carleton.	Oarp.	40	10		9	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	10	7	17	20	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Bright	No	600 00

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg herewith to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in this district during the past year. I appointed as District Secretary V. W. Bro. D. H. Currie, of Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, and as District Chaplain Bro. the Rev. E. J. Harper, of Fort William Lodge, No. 415.

While the number of lodges in this district is small, the distances between them is very great. I should have liked to have been a frequent visitor at all the lodges, but the great distances made this impossible.

Generally speaking, Masonry is in a good healthy state throughout the district. Still, there is room for improvement, especially as regards attendance of members at the regular meetings of their respective lodges. This is a point I dwelt on specially in addressing the various lodges, and I also spoke strongly as to punctual opening. If the brethren as a whole feel that the lodge will be opened punctually at the hour named they will be more likely to turn out in large numbers.

One of the first official duties devolving upon me was the constituting and consecrating of Ionic Lodge, No. 461, at Rainy River, which had been working under dispensation, having been deputed by the M. W. the Grand Master to represent him at such ceremony. The ceremony took place on the afternoon of the 24th of August. Accompanied by three P. D. D. G. M's, a number of Past Masters and brethren, I left here on 23rd August, reaching Rainy River the following morning. The forenoon was occupied in seeing that everything was ready and in good shape for the meeting in the afternoon. Grand Lodge met at 2.30 p. m. in a hall in the same building as the lodge room of Ionic lodge. I selected R. W. Bro. T. Chapple to act as D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson, as Director of Ceremonies; R. W. Bro. A. More, as

Grand Chaplain; V. W. Bro. D. H. Currie, as G. S. W.; W. Bro. W. Robertson, as G. J. W.; W. Bro. Campbell and W. Bro. Baker to carry the ark; W. Bro. Frisbie, as Grand Pursuivant, and Bro. Echlin, as Grand Tyler. I had seen that each one was perfectly familiar with the duties he had to perform, and had also seen that the W. M. of Ionic lodge was instructed. At 3 p. m. Grand Lodge proceeded in procession to Ionic lodge room, and the ceremonies of constituting and consecrating the lodge and of installing the officers were then conducted. The ceremonies were performed in the fullest detail, excepting that there was no music. Grand Lodge returned in procession to their room and was closed at 5.30 p. m. The attendance of Ionic members was very large, especially for an afternoon meeting.

I devoted considerable time during the year to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund and addressed a number of circular letters to the different lodges, and dwelt upon the matter when officially visiting each lodge.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted during the year: Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Neil Macmillan; Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. W. H. Macrae; Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Robt. Jackson; Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Henry W. Demuth; Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Frank J. Ap'John; Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William, to attend divine service at St. Luke's Church on 25th June; Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, to attend divine service at St. Alban's Church on 1st July; Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William, to meet for one year in the Oddfellows' Hall, granted by the M. W. the Grand Master.

VISITS.

Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River: I visited this lodge on the evening of 24th August. As I had been accompanied from here by R. W. Bros. Chapple, Ferguson and More, and by a number of other P. M's and brethren, they attended the meeting. The third degree

was conferred upon a candidate. The Master of the lodge, W. Bro. Donald Robertson, is a P. M. of many years' standing, having been W. M. of Keewatin Lodge. He had his lodge in efficient shape and the work was well done. The attendance was large. If this meeting can be taken as a criterion the outlook for this new lodge is bright. At the banquet given after the meeting some 60 sat down and a few pleasant hours were spent in speeches and songs.

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances. I had made my plans so as to go on from Rainy River to Fort Frances and visit Granite Lodge on the 25th August, accompanied by a number of the brethren who had come to Rainy River with me, having notified Granite lodge on 15th August of my intended visit. But while at Rainy River on 24th August I received a telegram from Granite lodge stating that they could not hold a meeting on the 25th August. I, therefore, did not proceed to Fort Francis. I had hoped to be able to visit there this year after the opening of navigation, but have found it impossible to do so. To visit there by winter meant a journey of some 600 miles. I am unable, therefore, to make any special report upon this lodge.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin: I visited this lodge on the 4th November. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson, V. W. Bro. D. H. Currie, W. M. of Pequonga lodge; W. Bro. W. Robertson, W. M. of Lake of the Woods lodge, and several other brethren from Kenora. This was the regular meeting of the lodge, and the third degree was conferred upon a candidate. The work was satisfactorily done. I have been a frequent visitor for a good many years at this lodge, and was not in any way a stranger there. The attendance was pretty good. A pleasant hour was spent after the meeting, when we returned by boat to Kenora.

Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora: I paid my official visit to this lodge on the night of their regular meeting on 12th April. The work for the evening was the conferring of the second degree upon a candidate, and was satisfactorily done. I have generally found the work very well done in this lodge. The membership of the lodge is not large. At this meeting there were 80 per cent. of their resident members present and about 30 visitors, so that it was a most successful meeting. The

average attendance at their regular meetings is very good in proportion to the total membership. They have a good class of members and should make this a most successful lodge.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William: I visited this lodge on the evening of 15th May. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate. The work was very well done. The lodge seems to be in a flourishing condition and the members enthusiastic. The W. M. of Shuniah lodge, Port Arthur, and the W. M. of Royal lodge, Fort William, were present, and also a number of visiting brethren from these lodges. There was a large attendance. I have found matters very promptly attended to by the officers of this lodge. A pleasant social time was spent after the meeting.

Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William: I visited this lodge on the 16th of May. I had the W. M. open in the three degrees. The work for the evening was the conferring of the first degree upon a candidate. The work was all well done by the W. M. and his officers. The attendance was large. The lodge seems to be in a growing healthy state. I spent two pleasant days in Fort William and thoroughly appreciated all the kindness shown me by the members of both lodges there.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur: I visited this lodge on the evening of 17th May. My experience of Masonry in Port Arthur was very pleasant and gratifying. The attendance at the meeting was very large, over 80 being present, and of these 18 were Past Masters. The work for the evening was the conferring of the first degree upon a candidate. In a lodge so live, united and enthusiastic it is needless to say that the work was well done in every respect. After the meeting an excellent repast was enjoyed in their commodious ante-room, followed by speeches and songs. I found this a most interesting and enjoyable meeting in every way. I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing by appreciation of the kindly Masonic spirit in which I was entertained while in Port Arthur. Masonry in the twin towns, Port Arthur and Fort William, seems to me to be in a very healthy state.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora: I visited this lodge officially on the night of their regular meeting on 7th June. I was disappointed at the small attendance,

especially considering that part of the business of the evening was the election of officers. They get considerable work in the lodge, and it seems surprising that there should not be a larger turnout of the brethren at their meetings. An effort should be made to encourage the members to attend in larger numbers. The lodge has a large membership and is in good shape, and with Masonic enthusiasm put into it it should have most successful meetings and a good future before it. The work for the evening was conferring the first degree upon a candidate.

I was pleased to note in my visits to the different lodges in the district that there was, on the whole, uniformity in doing the work. This is an important point and one we should all aim to bring about. The encouraging of brethren to be Masons at all times, not only in the lodge rooms, the engendering of spirit of brotherly love among us all, the endeavoring to instil a feeling of pride in the fraternity among the brethren, these are points worthy of the best efforts of all of us.

Before closing my report I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by my brethren. I appreciate it all the more as there are many who could have filled the position more ably. It has been my endeavor, however, to uphold the dignity of the office and to conscientiously discharge the duties appertaining thereto and in every way to promote the welfare of the Craft. I also take this opportunity of thanking the brethren throughout the district for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. A. WEIR, D. D. G. M.

Algoma District No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degrees conf'd		Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.										
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	F. A.		F. C.	M. M.									Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	
287	Shunian ...	Port Arthur ...	127	23	3	20	23	23	2	1	3	6	...	3	14	17	31	45	\$10 00	23	\$155 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	\$ 600 00
414	Pequonga.	Kenora	103	13	10	8	6	10	3	...	...	...	...	1	14	5	19	16	40 00	19	149 60	Mar., 1905	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	500 00
415	Pt. William	Fort William ..	113	30	4	28	24	22	2	1	4	...	...	...	14	13	27	32	41 50	13	307 40	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	500 00
417	Keewatin..	Keewatin	60	2	1	1	2	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	13	...	13	14	10 00	21	483 00	Dec. 27, '04	Bright	Bright	Yes	Yes	500 00
445	L'ke Woods	Kenora	30	4	4	4	3	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	11	5	16	...	5	108 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	300 00
446	Granite ...	Fort Frances...	52	2	2	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	14	1	15	17	...	4	105 00	Jan. 17, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	600 00
453	Royal	Fort William ..	51	6	...	5	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	6	19	16	...	3	43 30	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	600 00
461	Ionic	Rainy River....	51	16	...	13	12	11	3	...	...	...	...	...	15	10	25	17	...	...	...	Jan. 20, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	1150 00

NIPISSING DISTRICT, NO. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg leave to submit my official report on the condition of Masonry in this district for the past year, as follows :

My first official act was to appoint V. W. Bro. J. B. Way, a Past Master, and Rev. Bro. Piercy, a member of Keystone Lodge, Sault Ste. Marie, District Secretary and Chaplain respectively.

To V. W. Bro. Way I owe a debt of gratitude for the valuable assistance rendered me in the discharge of my official duties generally and for his untiring efforts towards increasing the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund contribution in the Nipissing District.

I visited each lodge once with the exception of Keystone, which I visited twice, and instituted one lodge, namely, Gore Bay under dispensation, and for such purpose necessarily travelled twelve hundred and fifty miles. In every instance, with one or two exceptions, I found the lodges active, working with uniformity and efficiency and in accordance with established usage. The tendency seems to be, in this district at all events, to elect young men to office and sustain and advise them by the advice of elder brethren with a view of bringing the different lodges nearer to a state of accuracy and efficiency. Every lodge, with one exception, Sturgeon Falls, has very comfortable quarters and attractive lodge rooms, and all are in a fairly good financial condition.

It was my privilege during my term of office to have consecrated Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard, but owing to the distance and the difficulty and expense in reaching that point, the Grand Master, at my request and at the request of the W. M. of Temiscaming, authorized P. D. D. G. M. Young, then a resident of new Liskeard, to perform that duty, and the lodge was consecrated by him accordingly. It was my privilege also to

institute Gore Bay Lodge, U. D., which I did on the 24th May, as hereinafter set out.

From personal observation and from knowledge gained during my official tour, I am strongly of the opinion that petitions for the institution of lodges in small places and in sparsely settled districts should be discouraged. I quite agree with my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Dr. Arthur, as to the "danger of ceding to the optimistic views of brethren in small hamlets and granting them dispensations for the formation of lodges."

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

This laudable project was taken in hand vigorously and action adopted to have the lodges communicate with their members, urging upon them the claims of the fund to their generosity and support. To this end the lodges were requested to advise as to the action taken, particularly in regard to the distribution of the circular issued by the committee of Grand Lodge. It was found that some of the lodges had not received a supply of this circular, and the defect was remedied. From the reports there did not appear to be a general interest, such as might be expected, two or three only of the lodges having shown any method in the attempt to raise their apportionment, the others having made only indifferent progress.

The matter was followed up with a strong letter to the Worshipful Masters, again urging promptness in the treatment of the matter, with a request that they furnish me with particulars as to the standing of each, upon a form sent them for the purpose. The replies showed that fair progress was being made in several lodges, but seemingly without that enthusiasm which I believe should characterize the efforts put forth in behalf of so praiseworthy an object.

Doric Lodge, of Little Current, heads the list with their quota paid up and remitted for two years. The energetic Master of this lodge, fully convinced of the benefits of the scheme to the Craft, and appreciative of this opportunity of practicing the virtue we profess to admire, stated that they did not feel they had yet done all they should have, but that the remittances would be supplemented by a substantial addition in the near future.

Mattawa and Sudbury lodges have made a very creditable showing, and I expect to see them occupy a foremost place in the completed list.

Efforts have not been spared to place the Sault Ste. Marie lodges in a foremost place, but the depression from which the town has just emerged has been the main reason for the partial failure to attain the desired end. I have no doubt of the ultimate result as far as these lodges are concerned.

Among the difficulties reported by active workers in the different lodges I would mention "dual membership" and non-resident members.

The former will doubtless be felt by all lodges to some extent, but in the case of one lodge it is referred to as responsible for a reduction of 12 per cent. of its membership. One lodge reports the latter as affecting two-thirds of its membership.

In my visits to the lodges I endeavored to enlist the support of the worshipful Masters and members, and I am of the opinion that if followed up closely by my successor, these lodges will be found as contributors, quite up to the average of other districts.

BY-LAWS.

Doric Lodge, No. 445, Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, have adopted and passed their respective by-laws.

In regard to by-laws, I take the liberty of stating that some of the lodges do not give to the passing and adoption thereof that consideration necessarily due to such important measures, but on the contrary are apt to treat by-laws as merely formal and of little practical ability.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted dispensations to Dyment Lodge, No. 442; Gore Bay Lodge, U. D.; Sturgeon Falls, No. 447, and North Bay, No. 420, to attend divine service clothed as Masons. A number of the lodges, I am advised, attend service without Masonic clothing or regalia, which meets with my approval, because the absence of Masonic clothing does not lessen the sincerity of worship and at the same time renders the Craft less liable to the charge of "dress parade." The Craft should attract by merit rather than by show.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

On the 20th day of December, 1904, I visited Keystone Lodge, No. 412, the chair of which was filled by W. Bro.

C. W. McCrea, W. M., with his usual ability and energy. A third degree was conferred in perfect manner. Each officer performed his work with accuracy and precision. W. Bro. McCrea, whose term of office expired with that year, certainly made a model Master, to whose skill and well directed efforts may be attributed, in a marked degree, the grand success which Keystone lodge has attained.

My next visit was made to Dymont Lodge, No. 442, Thessalon, on the 26th April, 1905, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Way, of Keystone. There were about twenty members present. Two seconds were conferred by W. M. Bro. Gorrell in a fairly creditable manner. The W. M. was a little nervous, but notwithstanding this gave the degree in an efficient manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. Dymont has a new lodge room with good equipment. The books and records are well kept. The lodge is somewhat circumscribed as to area from which Masonic material could be supplied.

On the 24th May following, accompanied by W. Bro. Roberts, a P. M. of Keystone, and W. Bro. Gorrell, W. M. of Dymont, I visited Gore Bay Lodge, Manitoulin Island, and there instituted that lodge under dispensation. The dispensation was granted by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication held in Brockville in July, 1904, but the brethren of Gore Bay were unable to secure quarters until May, 1905, hence the delay in instituting. Taught by past experiences, the brethren of Gore Bay will, no doubt, so conduct themselves as to merit a charter in due course. This lodge requires care, attention, and true Masonic assistance.

My next visit was to Doric Lodge, No. 455, Little Current, Manitoulin Island, on the 25th May, 1905. I regret to report that few members were present, owing perhaps to the inclemency of the weather, at least that is the most charitable reason that I can give for the small attendance. The brethren, although few in number, were somewhat select. The lodge is one of the best equipped in the district. The furniture is of the finest quality and there is an air of neatness about the premises that at once impresses the visitor. Little Current, although somewhat circumscribed in area, promises prosperity. W. Bro. Bellwood opened and closed the lodge in the three

degrees, which satisfied me of the ability of the officers to perform the necessary work. In March last Doric had a membership of sixty-four and thus far has contributed \$125 to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. "Actions speak louder than words."

On the 28th May I visited Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury, one of the banner lodges within this jurisdiction. There were five Past Masters present, including R. W. Bro. Dr. Arthur, P. D. D. G. M. The chair was filled by W. Bro. Evans, the W. M., who exemplified the work to my entire satisfaction. The lodge room is a spacious one, the furniture and equipment are of the finest quality, the books and records are in perfect order, and the lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Nickel lodge has a membership of 136, with a large area to draw from. Judging from its central location, the material of which it is composed, and the enthusiasm and skill of its members, I am led to express the conviction that Nickel lodge will soon become unusually strong in membership and finance.

On the 30th May, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Dr. Arthur, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bro. Evans, W. Bros. Gill and Reid, P. M's, and Bro. Brodie, all of Nickel Lodge, I visited Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447. The W. M., W. Bro. Beech, did not arrive till late, having been unavoidably detained. On his arrival he opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. This is a lodge that needs encouragement. The average attendance, so far as I can judge from the register, is about 12. The lodge room is somewhat diminutive and poorly furnished, but I had the assurance of the W. M. that a new room would be provided in the near future. It is to be hoped that new quarters may stimulate the brethren to greater action. It is difficult in a small room, poorly equipped and poorly lighted, to do work in a proper manner or to induce the regular attendance of the brethren. The material from which to draw is limited, indicating the undesirability of instituting lodges in small places and sparsely settled districts. I may say that I was cordially received by the brethren, who provided a very tasty banquet after the proceedings. The brethren at North Bay and Sudbury adjoining have promised to encourage and assist Sturgeon Falls, so that it may be brought to the rank in the Craft which it is possible to bring it to even under existing conditions. The lodge financially is in a fair condition and the Masonic material good.

On the 31st May, 1905, I visited Mattawa Lodge, No. 405. The W. M. was on a prospecting tour in the Temiscaming district, and the Secretary had gone to California for his health. It was with great difficulty that we secured a quorum, but we finally did so and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, a P. M., a member of the lodge, occupying the chair. The opening and closing were well done. No work was exemplified, but I am satisfied from sure information received that the officers are capable of doing the work. The lodge room is very commodious, tastefully decorated and neatly furnished. The lodge has no debt and is well insured. During the summer many of the members are absent, prospecting and lumbering. The books and records are well kept and in good order. Mattawa lodge will not, in my opinion, increase very much in membership because the town itself is not growing, nor is the immediate district increasing in population. I have no reason to fear, however, that Mattawa will hold its own. I was invited by the brethren to visit earlier in the year, but I could not make it convenient to do so. If I had done so then the W. M., W. Bro. Harwood, and the Secretary, W. Bro. Haentschel, would have been present, and I have no doubt that a larger meeting would have then been held.

On the 1st of June, 1905, I visited North Bay Lodge, No. 420. North Bay may be well considered a Masonic centre. It has many Past Masters and brethren well skilled. A good deal of enthusiasm prevails there in Masonic circles. The chair was filled by W. Bro. Rorabeck in a very creditable manner. There were two P. D. D. G. M's present, R. W. Bro. Young and R. W. Bro. Liddel, besides a number of P. M's, all of whom seem to have kept their work up to date and could at any time confer a degree. It was my privilege while there, at the request of some of the brethren, to present R. W. Bro. Young, a P. D. D. G. M., a regalia, given him by those lodges of the present district that were included in the old district before the re-organization.

On the 2nd June, 1905, I visited Temiscaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard, and was really agreeably surprised. The chair was filled by W. Bro. Ross in an efficient manner. A first degree was exemplified and the lodge was opened in all three degrees. The officers have their work well in hand. This is the youngest lodge in

the district. It is the owner, in fee simple, of its premises, including the building used by it as a lodge room. Its membership is increasing rapidly, and owing to the rapid growth of the district the membership is likely to increase, that is by newly initiated members and those who no doubt will affiliate. Temiscaming lodge is well able to take care of itself, and I bespeak for it great prosperity.

On the 14th June, 1905, I visited Algoma lodge, working under dispensation. There were about 75 of the brethren present, R. W. Bro. Farwell in the chair. W. Bro. Farwell is a P. M. of Keystone Lodge, and a P. D. D. G. M. It would be needless to add that he is a very capable Master and specially well qualified to occupy the chair and govern the lodge. A third degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. Each officer performed his duty remarkably well. Algoma has made rapid strides and has a bright future.

On the 20th day of June, 1905, I had the pleasure of visiting Keystone Lodge, No. 412, again. It was presided over by W. Bro. David Green, W. M. Keystone lodge is my mother lodge, and I was more than usually pleased at its prosperity and efficiency. A large number of the brethren were present, probably seventy-five or eighty, and all enthusiastic. The work was perfectly done by the W. M. and the different officers. The floor work was all that could be desired, the officers working with military precision. W. Bro. Green is an able presiding officer, full of energy and zeal, of good address, and a fluent talker. The lodge room and premises of Keystone are also occupied by Algoma lodge at a moderate rental. Perfect harmony exists between these two lodges and they are working together in unison. Many Past Masters were present, and a very enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

In conclusion I wish to report that on the whole Masonry in this district is fairly prosperous. Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and North Bay are the most important Masonic points at present within this jurisdiction. Thessalon and Little Current will steadily but slowly increase their respective membership. Sturgeon Falls requires closer attention to the ritual and a more careful perusal of the Constitution. Mattawa will hold its own, and Temiscaming is likely to take a front rank in a short time.

Gore Bay needs encouragement and close attention and application by its proposed charter members.

I think the W. M's of the different lodges should impress upon the individual members the necessity of studying the Constitution carefully, especially those parts of it containing the "Ancient Charges" and "Members and their duties." I have been most loyally received in every lodge, kindly treated and ably assisted by the brethren in the discharge of my duties, for all of which I wish to record my sincere thanks, as well as my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the representatives of the Grand Lodge when they unanimously elected me to the position of D. D. G. M.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

MOSES McFADDEN, D. D. G. M.,
Nipissing District, No. 18.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of submitting to you the following report of the condition of Masonry in Muskoka District No. 19 for the past Masonic year.

VISITS.

I visited all the lodges within the jurisdiction on the nights of their regular meetings.

I am pleased to report that every lodge is in a most prosperous condition, most of the lodges show a good increase in membership, the best Masonic feeling prevails, and peace and harmony exist throughout.

My worthy predecessor and those before him have done such good work officially that the ritualistic work is now of a very high order.

Subject to my election I appointed W. Bro. Frank Hornsby, W. M. of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, my District Secretary, and W. Bro. R. J. Sturgeon, of Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, my District Chaplain, and I must thank them for accompanying me on some of my official visits and for the valuable and ever willing assistance they have rendered.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Regarding the Semi-Centennial Fund, I sent circulars to all the Worshipful Masters of the several lodges in the jurisdiction, and also on my official visits endeavored to urge the members to contribute as liberally as circumstances would permit.

Grand Lodge requested that a District Committee be formed in each jurisdiction, but this was impossible, as only a few of the Secretaries replied to the communication sent out by my District Secretary. However, I feel that that Muskoka District, which did so well last year, will

make a good showing regarding this noble cause. Contributions from this jurisdiction last year were most liberal in comparison with some other districts, and I have every reason to hope that returns will be even better this year.

DISPENSATIONS.

During my tenure of office the following dispensations have been issued: Powassan Lodge, No. 443, to instal at regular meeting on January 13th, 1905; to attend divine service, clother as Masons, the following requested dispensations for Sunday, June 25th: Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound; Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge; Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, and Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville.

DEATHS.

During the year no official returns of deaths have been received by me, but from statistics recently received I have noticed that there were two deaths in the district.

DEDICATION.

On December 30th, 1904, the new lodge room of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst, was dedicated by the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by P. G. M. Murray, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster, P. D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11; V. W. Bro. N. Miller, Grand Superintendent of Works, Toronto, myself and a number of brethren from the district. The appointments of this lodge room are, without exception, the best in the district, and no expense has been spared in making them complete in every detail. After the dedication ceremony the fourth degree was exemplified in the refreshment rooms adjoining the lodge rooms, under the superintendence of Caterer Larkin, who furnished an excellent menu. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. Elliott, I. P. M. of Golden Rule Lodge.

Powassan Lodge, No. 443: I paid my official visit to this lodge on the evening of January 13th, 1905. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Carmichael and Maxwell, of Strong Lodge, Sundridge. The work of the evening was installation of officers and a second degree, they having application for a dispensation to instal at their regular meeting in Janury. I was requested by the W. M. to instal the new officers, which I did, and I can safely say

that the new officers elected and installed will look well after the affairs of Powassan Lodge, No. 443, for this year. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Harvey Porter in a most creditable manner upon the best posted candidate it has been my pleasure to see. The Secretary for last year, Dr. Porter, is a fine genial fellow, and his books I found in excellent form. The floor work might be considerably improved. The finances are good, prospects very bright if the ballot be not abused. The by-laws require to be revised, the lodge room also needs to be renovated, which I understand is now being done. I hope to meet the members of Powassan Lodge, No. 443, in their new home at some future time.

Strong Lodge, No. 423: I visited this lodge officially on February 20th at their regular meeting. There was a good attendance. W. Bros. Sturgeon, Hilliar and Kelsey, of Corona Lodge, No. 454, were present. The work of the evening, a second and third degree, was exemplified, the second degree by W. Bro. Joseph Hilliar, assisted by W. Bro. Sturgeon, both of Burk's Falls, in a manner which required no criticism, and the third degree by W. Bros. Carmichael and Robinson in a faultless manner, their strict adherence to the work being most marked. The finances are fair, and the prospects with the present set of intelligent officers are good.

Corona Lodge, No. 454: I visited this lodge officially on March 6th. This is the youngest lodge in the jurisdiction and one of the best conducted. The W. M. and the Secretary are most enthusiastic Masons and take great interest in their work and everything pertaining to the lodge. The books are in perfect condition. Some friction was caused in the lodge last year by the presence of an undesirable element, but I am glad to report that this member has wisely left the lodge, greatly to its benefit. The finances are good and prospects most excellent. I was sorry I did not meet R. W. Bro. H. L. Barber, of this lodge, on my official visit.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: I visited this lodge at the regular meeting March 7th. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Elliott and Hornsby, of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst. The attendance was good. The work of the evening was a third degree, exemplified by R. W. Bro. Huber, assisted by V. W. Bro. Whitton. The work was of an old type and not in the

form authorized and desired by Grand Lodge. This lodge is most fortunate in having a most efficient set of officers for this year, including an excellent Secretary, and I can safely say the work will improve under their management. The finances are extra good and the prospects most assured.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale: I visited this lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting March 21. I was very kindly driven from Scotia Junction to Emsdale by W. Bro. Hilliar, of Corona Lodge, Burk's Falls, and I shall never forget our experience in the snow drifts. I was most cordially received by a good attendance, considering the condition of the roads. I was sorry to learn that the W. M., W. Bro. A. W. Freeland, had just been released from quarantine. I feel safe in saying he will make a good Master. The prospects of the lodge are not as good as might be desired. Many of the members are railroad men, and it is very unfortunate that so few of them are employed in close proximity to the lodge. The work of the evening was two third degrees. I was sorry I could not wait till the meeting was over, as I was compelled to return by the midnight train. However, I saw the M. M. degree exemplified in a most satisfactory manner, and I desire to make special mention of the accuracy of W. Bro. Metcalf's ritualistic work. I was sorry not to have met my personal friend, W. Bro. J. Q. Adams, on my official visit. The Secretary, W. Bro. McConkey, is the right man in the right place, and the W. M. has good assistance in the east in the persons of W. Bros. Grant, Metcalf and others.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: This lodge was officially visited on May 17th, the night of their regular meeting. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Hornsby, of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst. I was disappointed to find the W. M. out of town. His place was most ably filled by R. W. Bro. Shearer. There was no work to exemplify, something unusual, as the membership has increased very satisfactorily during the year. I might say this is the only lodge visited during my term of office where I did not have an opportunity of criticising the work. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very capable manner. They are very comfortably situated in fine lodge rooms and the finances and prospects are excellent.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst: This being the lodge to which I belong, and being a regular attendant, I am in a position to speak of the affairs of the lodge generally as I have seen them during the year. This lodge has made very rapid strides during the past five years as a result of the untiring efforts of W. Bro. W. W. Winfield, who I regret to say has left town, R. W. Bro. Mowry, W. Bro. Elliott and others. During the year most comfortable quarters have been moved into, and Golden Rule now boasts of the best equipped lodge room in the jurisdiction. On my official visit the first degree was conferred on a most desirable candidate. The selection of the officers for the year was good. W. Bro. Hornsby in the east is a very capable officer, and Bro. J. A. C. Grant in the west fulfils his duties in a very accurate manner. The most desirable element is being received into the lodge, mostly young men, enthusiastic in the work and invariably capable of filling positions on the floor of the lodge in the absence of the regular officers. The financial condition is good, and if the brethren continue to work together the prospects are most bright.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: This was my last official visit, on the evening of June 21st, and I shall long remember the hospitality which was extended to me by the officers and members of Granite Lodge, No. 352. I was met at the station by the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Stone, and driven to my hotel. W. Bro. Davis was also present at the depot. I was most cordially received into the lodge and found a large attendance present in honor of the occasion. Granite lodge has many bright Masons around her altar and her chairs are most ably filled. The work of the evening was a third degree, exemplified by R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, assisted by V. W. Bro. Foote and the W. M. in a most satisfactory manner. I can safely say that Granite lodge is the banner lodge of this jurisdiction. The labors of the evening being ended we repaired to the large banqueting hall, where a most sumptuous repast awaited us and to which justice was done, followed by a pleasant hour of anecdotes and reminiscences, in which V. W. Bro. Foote took a leading part, after which we all retired home in the "wee sma' hours." The financial condition of the lodge is excellent and the prospects most bright. The Chaplain, Bro. Rogerson, a charter member of the lodge, paid his farewell visit on the eve of his

removal to Stayner, in the Georgian district. The lodge will find it very difficult to fill his place, and many regrets were expressed at his departure after a 40 years' residence in Parry Sound.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren for their indulgent confidence in singling me out for the high honor of D. D. G. M., the duties of which have been to me an education, and despite the sacrifices a great source of pleasure. I sincerely hope that the several lodges have been benefited by my incumbency in some slight manner. But if I have failed to justify the earlier hopes entertained by the delegates, neither have I succeeded in realizing my original idea. The thought would be sad that I shall have taken final leave of my brethren as the end of my term of office draws nigh, rather would I hope that many, if not most, of the new formed friendships may continue and prove enduring.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. W. McPHEE, D. D. G. M.,
Muskoka District, No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Muskoka District, No. 19, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degree's Confr'd		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief. in arrears.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			E. A.	F. C.				M. M.	Regular.							Emergent.	Total.											
352	Granite	Parry Sound...	90	3	1	4	4	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	11	11	16	\$	67	50	Dec. 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
360	Muskoka ...	Bracebridge...	68	2	...	6	3	7	1	...	2	2	...	...	1	12	3	15	\$38	75	8	45	83	June 24, '05	Good	Yes	
376	Unity	Huntsville	92	2	...	8	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	4	16	19	...	20	136	25	...	Good	Yes	500 00	
409	Gol'n Rule	Gravenhurst...	63	5	...	8	7	3	3	3	3	3	...	...	13	3	16	18	30	00	7	159	96	Dec. 24, '05	Good	Yes	500 00
423	Strong.....	Sundridge	56	5	...	6	8	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	...	13	16	...	15	110	00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
434	Algonquin.	Elmsdale .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
443	Pawassan .	Pawassan	50	9	...	7	7	6	2	11	3	14	12	18	00	14	90	75	Jan'y, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	...
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls...	40	6	...	7	7	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	11	5	16	16	...	1	2	00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in this district during the past year.

At the last communication of Grand Lodge, Ontario District No. 12 was divided into two districts, the western portion thereof continuing the name and number, while the eastern portion, consisting of the lodges situated in the counties of Durham and Peterborough, and Lorne lodge, of Omemee, in the county of Victoria, was organized into a new district, which, in honor of its greatest waterway, was called Otonabee District. Of this new district I enjoyed the signal honor of being elected its first District Deputy. I desire to thank my brethren for the confidence they reposed in me. I have visited every lodge in the district and have found all in a healthy condition and most of them in a flourishing one. In all but two or three there has been an increase in membership. There has been an entire absence of dissension of any kind and the prospects for the future look bright.

On my appointment I at once notified the different lodges and requested that copies of all summonses be sent to me, a request which has been cheerfully complied with. I took occasion on each of my visits to strongly urge upon the brethren the claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and in every case, where the matter had not already been dealt with, received assurances that it would be taken up earnestly and vigorously. I trust that the reports will show that this has been done.

I have issued three dispensations during the year, one to Jerusalem lodge to initiate a serving brother without fee, and one to each of Hope and Norwood lodges to attend divine service. I also recommended and forwarded

amendments to the by-laws of Ontario and Clementi lodges.

There have been eight deaths during the year, Ontario lodge losing three, Corinthian and Havelock lodges two each, and J. B. Hall lodge one.

NAMES OF DECEASED BRETHREN.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26: Talbot George Metcalfe, F. C., drowned 14th July, 1904; George F. Hall, P. S. W., died 22nd January, 1905; James Walker Quinlan, P. M., died 24th April, 1905.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101: Frederick Taylor Winch, M. M., died 14th August, 1904; Dr. Henry Pigeon, M. M., died 7th December, 1904.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145: Samuel Roddy, M. M., died 4th October, 1904.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435: J. H. Campbell, M. M., died 16th November, 1904; John A. Martin, M. M., died 15th October, 1904.

The following is a report of my visits to the several lodges in the district:

Ontario Lodge, No. 26: I visited this lodge on April 20th. This is the oldest lodge in the district and continues to be one of the most prosperous. None can surpass it in the comfort and commodiousness of its quarters. It has a reputation for accurate work, which is well maintained under its present Master, W. Bro. F. H. Brown. With R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson as its Secretary it is superfluous to state that its books are models of neatness and accuracy. The work of the evening consisted of two raisings, and the earnestness with which W. Bro. Brown conferred the degrees could not fail to make a deep impression on the candidates. He was ably assisted by W. Bro. Taylor, of Hope Lodge. The work of the Deacons was particularly smart and accurate, and, as it always does when properly performed, greatly enhanced the impressiveness of the ceremony. The Semi-Centennial Fund has been taken up in that thorough and businesslike way that characterizes this lodge, the sum of \$1 a year being added to and collected with the dues from each member for three years.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31: I visited this lodge on April 19th. It had just recently moved into its new lodge room, the beauty and completeness of which are a very

great credit to the lodge and must be a source of constant gratification to its members. I was disappointed at not meeting R. W. Bro. Simpson, to whose energy, ability and good taste, I was informed, the improvements were in a large measure due. The work of the evening was an initiation. The degree was conferred in an accurate and impressive manner by the W. M., W. Bro. Moorcraft, assisted by his subordinate officers, all of whom proved themselves well skilled, the J. W. particularly delivering his lecture in an almost faultless manner. Some progress had been made in regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund, but it had been allowed to drop. Some misapprehensions being removed the brethren promised to take matter up vigorously.

Durham Lodge, No. 66: I visited this lodge on April 18th. A candidate for initiation was expected, but, as he did not arrive, I had the officers open and close in the three degrees. This was performed in a satisfactory manner. The finances of the lodge are in good condition and the dues well paid up. This is the smallest lodge in the district, having a membership of only 21, but it showed an increase during the year, and its members deserve great credit for keeping things going. It is to be hoped that the younger members will evince the same enthusiasm for Masonry as animates W. Bro. Allen and Farncombe and others of the older members. I explained the objects of the Semi-Centennial Fund, when all present subscribed at once. They had previously subscribed \$5 each. I believe this lodge will contribute its full quota.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101: I visited this lodge on April 21st. In W. Bro. Walker Corinthian lodge possesses one of the model Secretaries of the district. The practice of having experienced P. M's in the Secretary's chair cannot be too highly commended. The dues are pretty well paid up and the finances of the lodge are in a flourishing condition. W. Bro. Kenner is a well skilled Master and conferred the degrees in an easy, impressive, and all but faultless manner. He was ably assisted by W. Bros. Greer and Walker. As was to be expected, with R. W. Bro. R. E. Wood as one of its active members, this lodge had already dealt with the Semi-Centennial Fund in a satisfactory manner. The attendance was large and fourth degree work very enjoyable, quite a

number of visitors being present, whose speeches contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

Hope Lodge, No. 114: I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 7th. The work consisted of the E. A. and M. M. degrees. These were conferred in an excellent manner throughout by the W. M., W. Bro. Coleman, assisted in the third degree by W. Bro. Brown, of Ontario Lodge. The J. W. delivered his lecture very accurately. The work of the J. D. was also worthy of special commendation. The books are well and accurately kept by W. Bro. Bell, one of the most enthusiastic Masons in Port Hope and one to whom in a large measure credit is due for the prosperity of this lodge. The Semi-Centennial Fund had not been taken up, but, on its objects being fully explained, the members promised that they would not be wanting in their duty. I have received no report of what has actually been done, but trust and believe that when the final returns are in this lodge will be found to have contributed its full quota.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145: This is my own lodge, and I have frequently visited it during the year. I paid my official visit on January 19th. The work consisted of the conferring of the second degree, and, considering that only a short time had elapsed since his installation, the W. M., W. Bro. Montgomery, performed his work in an exceedingly creditable manner. The work of the Wardens also was excellent, and that of the S. D. beyond criticism. This lodge has been undergoing a period of stagnation, but shows marked symptoms of improvement in the near future. It is well officered, the books are well kept, and the finances in better condition than for years. The Semi-Centennial Fund has been taken up and there is upwards of \$40 on hand to be remitted to the Grand Secretary, which, considering the large number of absentees, is fairly creditable. By the death of Bro. Samuel Roddy the lodge lost one of its oldest members and most faithful attendants.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 155: This lodge has been previously reported as the banner lodge in the district, and it fully maintained its reputation on the occasion of my visit on May 5th. It is excelled by none in the accuracy and quality of its work. The W. M., W. Bro. Morrow, was ably assisted by a number of well skilled Past Masters, among the number being R. W. Bro. Walkey

and W. Bro. Crane, whose work helped to explain how this lodge has attained its present standing. Like R. W. Bro. Robertson, of Ontario Lodge, R. W. Bro. Shaw, of Keene, and W. Bro. Walker, of Peterborough, R. W. Bro. Walkey is a model Secretary. He is indeed much more, as he is a constant authority on Masonic practice and procedure. The dues of the lodge are well paid up and the finances in good condition. The Peterborough brethren know well how to entertain visitors in a hospitable and enjoyable manner.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223: Accompanied by W. Bro. Clarke I visited this lodge at its regular meeting on November 21st. There was a large attendance of members. In the absence of the W. M., who had removed to the Northwest, W. Bro. Ford occupied the East. The work of the evening consisted of two initiations. The degrees were conferred in a most impressive manner. That veteran in Masonry, W. Bro. Pearce, still takes a most active interest in the work of the lodge. To him and to W. Bro. Ford is due a large measure of credit for the wonderful progress made by this lodge. Some three years ago there were only 15 members in good standing, while at the time of my visit there were upwards of 70. This number has since been increased to 77. A gratifying feature of this great increase is the excellent class of men admitted. The books are well kept, the dues well paid up, and the finances in good condition. This lodge is contributing \$1 a member for three years, based on the membership at the beginning of each year.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313: I visited this lodge on May 2nd. W. Bro. Dench, who was for 18 years the efficient Secretary of the lodge, and is now for the first time in the East, conferred the third degree on two candidates in an impressive manner. Considering the fact that he is now well past the meridian of life, Bro. Dench deserves very great credit for the manner in which he has mastered the work. He was ably assisted by W. Bros. Fraser, Hilliard, Casement and Kelly. While the Past Masters continue to take the interest they do in the work of the lodge there is no danger of retrogression. Special mention must be made of the efficient manner in which the Deacons performed their duties. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Hilliard. The finances are in first-class condition; indeed, there are no dues whatever in arrear. I

urged upon the brethren the claims of the Benevolent Fund, and I have no doubt but that they will do their duty. In no lodge in the district have I received a more cordial welcome, and in none have I seen the brethren animated by a more fraternal spirit towards each other.

Orono Lodge, No. 325: I visited this lodge on June 15th. In the absence of the W. M., owing to illness in his family, W. Bro. Colville occupied the East. Despite the great heat of the evening there was a very good attendance indeed, especially considering the numerical strength of the lodge.. W. Bro. Colville conferred the second degree upon two candidates in a very creditable manner. The S. W. also delivered his lecture in an excellent manner. Afterwards I installed the newly elected officers. In W. Bro. R. Z. Hall this lodge possesses a most efficient Secretary. In fact, this lodge is in a good sound condition both financially and otherwise. Prior to the present year no action had been taken in regard to the Benevolent Fund, but when the lodge did take it up it did so with a whole-hearted vigor that should be an example and an inspiration to some of the older and stronger lodges. Before the end of the present month they will have remitted the full amount of \$3 for each member. I am quite sure that this will be the record for the district.

Keene Lodge, No. 374: Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Kells, W. Bros. Turner, Clarke, Winslow and Montgomery, I visited this lodge on the 18th of May, or rather made a desperate attempt to do so. Availing themselves of W. Bro. Turner's kind invitation to travel on his steam yacht, Mermaid, after a very pleasant trip down the Otonabee River and Rice Lake, we arrived at the mouth of the Indian River, about a mile from Keene, at 7.30 p. m. Unfortunately, however, while trying to make the entrance we ran on a sand bar. There we were forced to remain for some hours. By means of a punt from a neighboring island I succeeded in reaching the lodge room at 10.30 p. m. Some of the Keene brethren, under the leadership of R. W. Bro. Shaw and Bro. A. St. A. Smith, went to the assistance of my comrades, who arrived some hours later. All were most hospitably entertained until the time of our departure on the return journey. There was no work on for the evening, but under the guidance of R. W. Bro. Shaw there can be no doubt but that the degrees will be conferred in an able and accu-

ratem anner. Dr. Shaw has been Secretary for a great many years, so, as might be expected, the books are well kept. The dues are well in hand and the finances in good condition. This is not a large lodge numerically, but judging by the attendance on the night of my visit, even though the hour was late, it appears to be in a good healthy condition.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375: I visited this lodge on April 3rd. There was no work on, and unfortunately both the S. W. and the J. W. were absent. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Thorn. Lorne lodge has just emerged from a period of financial depression, and the prospects for the future appear to be brighter than for some years past. The members evinced great interest in the work and showed a desire to have it perfect by asking questions about matters concerning which they were in doubt. I consider this a healthy sign. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Cameron, the efficient Secretary. No action had been taken in regard to the Benevolent Fund, as the members had not thought that their financial condition would warrant it, but on its objects being fully explained to them each member was called upon to express his views. All were favorable, and at the close of the meeting a subscription list was opened, which all present signed. I believe this lodge may be relied upon to do its duty.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435: Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Kells I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 12. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate by the W. M., W. Bro. Ritchie, in a very creditable manner. This lodge has made wonderful progress in the last few years. On the night of my visit, in addition to the degree conferred, three new applications were received, two others reported on favorably, and two more balloted for, so that its continued progress and prosperity seem assured. The members have expended a considerable amount in renovating and refurnishing the lodge. A most friendly and fraternal spirit seems to animate the brethren, and taking everything together the lodge is in a most healthy and flourishing condition. The Secretary had removed from the town and a new one was elected on the night of my visit. Possibly for this reason there is a larger amount outstanding in unpaid dues than there

would otherwise be. Havelock lodge knows how to conduct the fourth degree in an open hearted and enjoyable manner. I regret to have to report that no definite action has as yet been taken in regard to the Benevolent Fund, but from the assurances of some of the brethren on the night of my visit I am led to believe that it will yet be taken up.

A. A. SMITH, D. D. G. M.,
Otonabee District No. 20.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Otonabee District, No. 20, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership	Degree's Conf'd	Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.	
26	Ontario....	Port Hope.....	113	9	6	9	8	7	8	1	3	...	3	14	6	20	18	245 00	93	\$	187 75	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	\$1500 00
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville....	88	12	11	10	10	2	2	1	1	...	...	12	3	15	21	165 00	14	...	221 75	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	...
66	Durham....	Newcastle.....	21	3	1	3	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	7	1	8	8	4	4	...	22 00	June 24, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	210 00
101	Corinthian	Peterborough....	121	...	1	5	9	2	2	...	...	...	2	11	2	13	27	35 00	12	...	81 75	June 24, '04	Good	Good	Yes	Fully
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	99	3	4	3	3	2	2	4	...	...	...	14	3	17	30	100 00	17	...	188 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
145	J. B. Hall.	Millbrook.....	51	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	1	10	12	20 00	7	...	95 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes
155	Peterboro.	Peterborough....	192	11	2	6	12	12	4	1	1	...	...	14	1	15	46	90 00	10	...	50 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	Fully
223	Norwood	Norwood.....	77	9	...	9	9	6	...	2	2	...	...	12	4	16	22	5 00	2	...	15 85	Jan'y 20, '05	Good	Good	Yes	Fully
313	Clementi..	Lakefield.....	61	...	4	4	5	1	...	2	3	...	...	12	1	13	22	27 85	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '04	Good	V'y Good	Yes	Yes
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	34	1	...	3	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	10	1	10	12	...	1	...	3 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
374	Keene.....	Keene.....	33	2	...	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	12	1	13	12	10 00	2	...	26 00	June 24, '04	Good	Fair	No	150 00
375	Lorne.....	Omelee.....	33	...	3	2	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	10	6	3	9	5 00	5	...	20 00	Dec. 30, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
435	Havelock...	Havelock.....	80	6	3	5	8	12	1	1	...	...	2	12	2	14	25	50 00	13	...	174 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	No	400 00

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of now presenting my report on the condition of Masonry for the year past for the new district, Eastern No. 21.

This district was formed in 1904 by dividing the St. Lawrence District, and possesses fourteen lodges.

I fully appreciate the honor conferred on me by electing me D. D. B. M. of this district, and hope that in my humble way that I may have been useful in some way in advancing Masonry in the east.

My first official act was to appoint Bro. R. A. Baker as my District Secretary, and I extend my thanks to him for his services.

I also, soon after my election, sent official circulars to all lodges in the district calling them together to discuss the Semi-Centennial Fund. I regret to say that meeting was not generally represented, and I was kept busy for some time thereafter giving full explanations to brethren and lodges regarding the same. At each of my official visits I took the opportunity of impressing on our brethren the grand undertaking of our Grand Lodge, and from reports feel that my words are to bear fruit.

I have visited officially every lodge in the district, and I am convinced by results that Masonry in this new district is flourishing.

DISPENSATIONS.

Acting upon the power vested in me I issued the following dispensations during my term of office:

I issued a dispensation to Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, to instal officers on January 17th, 1905, their regular meeting night having been a very inclement one, preventing that ceremony being performed.

I issued a dispensation to Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, to instal their officers on January 7th, 1905.

I issued a dispensation to Wales Lodge, No. 458, to attend divine service on June 18th, 1905, at Wales.

I issued a dispensation to Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, to attend divine service on Sunday, June 28th, 1905, at Morrisburg.

I issued a dispensation to Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, to attend divine service on Sunday, June 25th, 1905, at Iroquois.

I issued a dispensation to Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, to attend divine service at Aultsville, on Sunday, June 25th, 1905.

I issued a dispensation to Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, to hold decoration service for the purpose of marching in procession from lodge room to cemetery to decorate the graves of deceased brethren and to unveil the monument erected to the memory of W. Bro. E. A. Grovely, same to take effect on Sunday, July 2nd, 1905.

BY-LAWS.

I have received amendments to by-laws from Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, also from St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, all of which were duly forwarded to the proper Grand Lodge officers and duly attested.

DEATHS.

I am called on to report the following deaths in our lodges as officially reported to me: Bro. Albert C. Akin, of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125; Bro. Ira W. Casselman, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 142; Bro. W. M. Smith, of Cherterville Lodge, No. 320; Bro. W. A. Chamberlain, of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186; Bro. John A. McPherson, of Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256.

VISITS.

My first official visit was made to Avonmore Lodge on the evening of July 17th, 1905. This was the evening for installing their officers (by dispensation). I assisted the Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Duke, in this duty, after which the work in the second degree was put on. The work was well done and showed careful training. This lodge I found in a prosperous condition, and well it might be when brethren would drive from fifteen to seventeen miles to attend lodge. They have a very comfortable room.

I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, on the evening of March 13th, 1905. I met a large number of brethren here. The brethren of St. John's are a very enthusiastic set, and reflect Masonry by their actions. Both the second and third degrees were well worked by the officers, who have their work in excellent form. This is one of the very few that require the candidate to memorize their obligation before passing from each degree to a higher. I could not help admiring the furniture of the room, and imagine my surprise when informed that it came from old Ireland. The lodge room is in keeping with the furniture and the dining room is a credit. After closing the lodge the brethren repaired to the dining room, where a social time was spent to the benefit of Masonry.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418: I visited Maxville Lodge, No. 418, on the evening of March 14th, 1905. Here I found a fair attendance, each one trying to do all in their power. The third degree was well conducted by W. Bro. Chalmers, who has, I understand, been a Mason only three years and fills the east with credit to both the lodge and himself. The lodge room is spacious and fitted up creditably. Lunch was served after work and afforded an hour of social intercourse.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186: This lodge received my official visit on the evening of March 15th, 1905. I did not find as many members present as I expected, but what the brethren lack in numbers is fully made up in Masonic zeal. There was no work put on, but the lodge was opened in the three degrees and the officers did their work well. This lodge is laboring under difficulties owing to religious differences and members very much scattered.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450: On March 16th I visited this lodge. I found the attendance good. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, but they had no work on; opening and closing well done. The brethren have a fine lodge room, good ante-rooms and grand dining room. The dues are well paid in this lodge, and the books well kept. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Johnston, P. D. D. G. M. of Ottawa District. After the lodge closed the members sat down to an elegant spread, and nothing lacked to satisfy the inner man. Toasts, speeches and songs passed away a few social hours.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, located at Iroquois: I visited this lodge April 12th and found a large attendance. The lodge had work in the first and second degrees, and it was well done from the W. M. to the Deacons. The dues seem to be far too great, and an effort should be made to collect them. The recent new supply of furniture greatly improved the previous good lodge room. The members are a very enthusiastic lot, and thus a very prosperous lodge. Bro. H. B. Carman makes an ideal Secretary; books well kept.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, located at Morrisburg: I visited Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, April 14th, 1905. About 25 members present. The lodge put on a third degree, and the W. M. deserves especial mention, this being his second raising. The Wardens and Deacons did their work well. The books are well kept by Bro. Massey, who deserves great credit for his attention to lodge dues, only about \$30 remaining outstanding. The brethren retired from the lodge room to the Windsor House, where mine host Bro. R. McDonell displayed his skill as a first-class caterer.

Wales Lodge, No. 458, located at Wales: The brethren of Wales lodge received my official visit on Monday, April 17th, 1905. There were fully 30 members present. The lodge opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first degree was exemplified with a candidate. The work was well done, W. Bro. Carson, W. M., being an ideal Master. In fact, all the officers were efficient. Dues are well paid up, and I find this a very prosperous lodge. A light lunch was served after the lodge closed.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, located at Lancaster: I visited this lodge on April 18th, 1905, and found a fair attendance. The lodge was opened in the three degrees and work in the second degree. The work was well put on. I find a lot of unpaid dues. The books are kept in good shape by the Secretary, Bro. A. McGillis. They have a very fine lodge room here and comfortably furnished. After the lodge was closed the brethren were entertained to a very fine spread at the dining parlors of Hotel McRae, where the Craft, as usual, enjoyed to heart's content.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria, Ont.: I visited this lodge on the evening of May 4th. They had a very small attendance; in fact, the membership is not

large. They opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in good form. There was no work put on. The dues are very much in arrears. They must devise some method of handling this question to their satisfaction.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, located at Aultsville: This is my mother lodge, and I visited in my official capacity on Wednesday, April 19th. The lodge put on the third degree in a very fair manner. The opening and closing in each degree was well done. After the lodge closed the members retired to the dining room, where a banquet was held to the satisfaction of all. The attendance was good, and I noticed several visiting members present. Lodge dues fairly well paid up.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, located at Winchester: I visited this lodge on the evening of May 3rd, 1905. Here I found a big attendance. This is a very prosperous lodge and the brethren are full of Masonic zeal. They have a fine room and fully equipped. The brethren put on the second degree in an excellent manner. The opening and closing in each degree was well done. I found the lodge dues satisfactory and the books in good form by their Secretary, Bro. G. Johnston. After the lodge closed the brethren retired to the parlors of the Wallace House, where the dining table was fairly loaded with the delicacies of the season, and each of the brethren dined to his heart's content. Speeches, toasts, etc., occupied the attention of the brethren for a short time, then all retired feeling that it was "happy to meet, sorry to part."

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: I visited this lodge on May 15th, 1905, and received a right royal welcome by the officers and members. This is a grand lodge, and makes one feel at home in a short time. They have a fair lodge room, and are worthy of a better one, which I have no doubt they will have in the near future. The attendance was the best in all my official visits—fully sixty members being present. The first degree was well put on, and from the W. M. to the Deacons reflected much credit. The opening and closing in all degrees showed care, and the lecture in the first degree is especially noted in this report. Their dues might be in a more satisfactory state. The books are nicely kept by Bro. Fulton. After the closing of the lodge all were treated to a very sumptuous repast at the McClusky House. The spread was certainly fine and reflected credit on the

caterer. Speeches and toasts and song wiled away the midnight hours.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: This lodge was visited by me on the evening of Saturday, June 24th. This is one of the prosperous lodges in the district. There was no work on, but the lodge was opened and closed in good form in the three degrees by the officers. There were about 30 members present. The brethren have a magnificent lodge room and furnished handsomely. After the closing of the lodge the brethren retired to the dining room and enjoyed a social hour around the festive board. The lodge dues are in a satisfactory condition and the lodge records well and neatly kept by V. W. Bro. J. Ridley. This completed my official visits in Eastern District No. 21.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding my report I must not forget to extend to the officers and brethren my hearty thanks for the general expression of kindness and sympathy which I have met with on every hand and thus made my labors among them very pleasant, and to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary I extend my fraternal thanks for their willingness at all times to aid me in matters submitted to them and for their advice in questions relating to the Craft. The year of my labor has been a very happy one for me, and if I have been of any service to the Craft in Eastern District No. 21 I am repaid by the pleasant recollections from visits to each lodge, and the honor of having been your first D. D. G. M. of this newly-formed district.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. H. HANES, D. D. G. M.,
Eastern District No. 21.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in the Eastern District, No. 16, from June 24th, 1904, to June 24th, 1905.

Number of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem-ber-ship.	Degre's conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
							E. A.	F. C.	M. M.								Total.	Emergent.	Meet-ings held.									
143	Friendly B.	Iroquois.....	102	4	...	6	9	6	3	2	3	5	...	...	...	12	2	14	20	\$25 00	30	\$110 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 300 00
320	Chesterville	Chesterville....	86	..	2	3	2	3	3	4	1	2	...	...	2	12	2	14	20	25 00	25	129 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
214	St. John's.	Vankleek Hill...	66	..	...	2	2	2	2	2	1	5	...	...	1	6	...	6	22	None	6	50 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
207	Launcester.	Launcester.....	63	3	...	4	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	...	...	11	...	11	12	None	21	162 00	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
125	Cornwall...	Cornwall.....	102	3	...	4	4	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	1	12	3	15	34	29 50	5	17 50	Dec. 30, '04	V'ry Best	Good	Yes	9 00
450	Hawkesb'y	Hawkesbury....	56	7	...	9	10	9	9	10	9	2	...	...	...	11	7	18	14	None	...	None	...	Good	Good	Yes	None
142	Excelsior..	Morrisburg....	60	...	6	2	1	3	...	6	1	6	...	...	...	13	5	18	20	15 00	9	30 00	June, 1905	Good	Good	Yes	None
383	Honder son	Winchester....	81	10	...	6	6	6	8	4	2	2	...	...	...	13	5	18	20	15 00	9	50 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
256	Parran's Pt.	Aultsville.....	70	1	...	7	6	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	4	17	15	12 50	13	79 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
439	Alexandria.	Alexandria.....	42	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	9	2	11	None	24	386 00	July, 1904	Not Good	Not Good	Yes	None
186	Plantag'n't	Plantagenet....	36	...	1	2	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	4	7	13	None	10	86 50	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Not Good	Yes	None
452	Avonmore.	Avonmore.....	32	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	...	None	2	14 00	June 24, '05	Good	Fair	Yes	None
458	Wales.....	Wales.....	53	6	...	6	5	5	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	14	2	15	23	53 00	6	56 50	Dec. 27, '04	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
418	Maxville...	Maxville.....	77	7	...	6	9	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	1	15	22	10 00	15	90 00	Dec. 27, '04	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00

HISTORICAL ADDRESS.

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, the Historian of Grand Lodge, delivered the following historical address:

M. W. Sir and Brethren of Grand Lodge:

It strikes me as, in my mind, I turn over the pages of a diary of forty years of craft life, that no single event, save and except when you, fifteen years ago by unanimous voice, handed me the gavel of Grand Master, has more impressed me than this event of to-day, in which, may I say, I am favored and honored with a not unimportant part.

Permit me to say that no phrase of mine in aptest form, no verbiage, even if selected from the richest field of words, could express how much of pleasure I have in standing here and telling you the story of the Craft—yes, and all that led up to the memorable event of fifty years ago when William Mercer Wilson raised his gavel and declared that one more sovereign and supreme body had been added to the roll of Grand Lodges that governed the Craft on this continent.

A NOTABLE YEAR.

Surely this year of grace, the nineteen hundred and fifth in the cycle of the centuries, deserves to be wreathed with rich garlands of honor by the hands of the craftsmen on the rolls of this Grand Lodge.

For on this July day we assemble to fittingly commemorate the work of the zealous craftsmen who unfurled the banner of Masonic freedom half a century ago, and proclaimed that, cost what it might, the Craft in this jurisdiction should have a governing body—sovereign and supreme—the peer of every other Grand Lodge, for all time to come.

Therefore, this year of all the years should be marked with golden letters in the calendar of every man who wears the apron of a Mason in this Craft jurisdiction. For this year commemorates an event that brightened the Craft life, when fifty years ago, almost within sight of

where we sit, M. W. Bro. Henry T. Backus, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, invested and installed William Mercer Wilson as the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

FIFTIETH MILE STONE.

Yes, this year of all the years, for to-day in this Grand Lodge we pass the fiftieth milestone on our fraternal journey. Our Craft lodges, and there are three hundred and ninety on the roll, with their thirty-five thousand members full in the delight of Craft work, battalions of craftsmen, happy under the sheltering tree of friendships formed, every man glad to welcome new faces to the great league of apron men, whose aim it is to smooth the rough thoroughfares of life, for men, for women, yea, and for little children, to promote friendship that has no limit and to inculcate principles that if followed will better the life of every citizen who accepts Masonic truth.

And yet our joys are not unfettered, for that change which never changes comes to many. The earth must have its own. The fathers of the Craft pass away and the air is full of farewells. So that in all our joys we have a strain of sorrow, for there is but one alive to-day (R. W. Bro. John Osborne, of Rat Portage) that was present at the convention of October, 1855, when forty-one lodges, duly accredited, declared that to promote perfect fraternal union, and secure to the fraternity of Canada all the blessings of Masonic privileges, it was expedient, right and a bounden duty to form a Grand Lodge of Canada.

It occurred to me, as I measured in my mind the time placed at my disposal for a brief talk with you, that while something about the history of our Grand Lodge would, of course, be acceptable, yet the story would be bereft of much interest if I did not say a few words on the origin of the Craft and of the ritual and of the pioneer organization which gave life nearly two centuries ago to this and other Grand Lodges that supervise Masonic work in the existing jurisdictions of the world.

WHAT IS MASONRY.

Masonry is divided by Masonic writers into two sections, an operative and a speculative, or to put it better, an operative art and a speculative science.

The operative art is that which was practised by the Free Stonemasons of the Middle Ages, and by the operative Masons of England, Scotland and Ireland between the 12th and 17th centuries.

The speculative science is that which is practised by the Freemasons of the present day Craft jurisdictions throughout the "wide wide world."

Operative Masonry was the art practiced by those who constructed buildings for private and public purposes, houses for the habitation of man and temples for the worship of the Supreme Being.

The operative art is the foundation stone on which has been built the speculative science of Freemasonry as it exists to-day.

So you understand that the operative Masons were those who constructed material edifices, in contradistinction to the speculative Masons who raised only spiritual structures.

To put the difference between the two branches more concisely, the operative Mason used his working tools in the exercise of his trade. The speculative Mason uses the same working tools for the exemplification of great moral truths.

THE ORIGIN OF MASONRY.

As to the origin of Masonry, using that term in its broad sense to cover the Fraternity of to-day, it is, in my opinion, impossible to fix any date for the origin of Speculative Masonry.

No subject has given rise to more difference of opinion amongst Masonic scholars and writers than the question of the origin of our Craft.

On one point, however, all modern authorities concur in the opinion that there is nothing that connects the Speculative Masonry of to-day with the building or builders of King Solomon's Temple.

I interject this remark here, from the fact that very many of our younger brethren, and perhaps not a few of their elders, talk about Craft origin as if King Solomon was our first Grand Master and that the Temple mechanics were craftsmen who worked precisely as we do in the lodges of this jurisdiction.

In the light of modern research by writers of eminence, and from my own reading of much that has been printed

on this point, I am satisfied that the genesis of the Speculative Section does not antedate the era of the Building Corporations of the Middle Ages.

ROMAN COLLEGES OF BUILDERS.

The Roman Colleges of Builders, the origin of which is ascribed to Numa, the second King of Rome in 714 B. C., certainly had business methods in their regulations, with officers somewhat similar to the principal officers of our Masonic lodges, but, of course, their Masonry, or rather work, was in the purely operative class.

Every legion of the Roman Empire had attached to it a band of builders or artificers, who accompanied the armies in their march for conquest.

And when Rome planted its colonies, builders or artificers remained with the colony to sow the seeds of Roman civilization.

In time of war the men of the College of Builders erected fortifications and in times of peace they erected dwelling places and temples.

Even our own England felt the advantages of Roman colonization when the legions of Julius Cæsar established a colony in its northern limits and founded the city of York, which for many centuries has been intimately associated with the history of Freemasonry.

THE OPERATIVES OF GERMANY.

Some writers think that the travelling Masons who wandered over Europe during the Middle Ages were the successors of the Roman Colleges of Builders, but this may be considered doubtful, for many hundreds of years elapsed between the passing away or dissolution of the Roman Colleges and the inception of the Travelling Freemasons. Then, again, it is claimed that the Brotherhood of Stonemasons in Europe during the Middle Ages were the forerunners of Freemasonry.

Prominent German writers trace with great exactness the rise and progress of the Steinmetzen or Fraternity of Stonemasons in Germany from the earliest times, and with skill seek to induce the belief that these organizations were the prototypes of the Association of Free-Masons.

Nor, when we travel in search of the origin of the Craft, must we forget the motherland across the sea.

We know that the earliest structures of a religious and general character, that the public works of the country, as well as habitations for man, were constructed by Operative Masons.

The Operative Masons who erected these structures were those who had migrated from Europe, and there are documents extant known as the York Manuscripts of the Operative Masons, which show that those who wielded the mallet and used the chisel, the square and plumb rule, were important members of the community to which they belonged.

MASONRY IN ENGLAND.

We know that under the influence of ecclesiastical authority the art of building "after the Roman manner" was revived in England, and that the magnificent Gothic structure, York Cathedral, is the result of the work of the operative Masons who were brought from Europe between the eleventh and thirteenth centuries.

Hughan claims that the "old charges" prove that our society had an ecclesiastical origin, and calls them "the title deeds of our inheritance."

"These "old charges" were usually written on parchment and contained a history of Masonry as applied to the Operative Sodality, and regulations for the government of the Craft.

Why, I hold in my hand, and I now unroll it, one of these very "old charges," known as the Scarborough Manuscript, and owned by the Grand Lodge of Canada, written on parchment. It dates from about 1700 A. D., and is one of those rolls which were read at the making of Masons in the operative and speculative lodges of England.

These charges were read in the operative lodges at the making of a brother, and the regulation is still preserved in form in modern lodges by the delivery of a charge to a candidate at the close of the ceremony of his reception into a degree.

THE EARLIEST RECORDS.

Hughan says that as early as 1600 the names of speculative members are to be found in the records of some of the operative lodges.

The records of the Masons Company in London from 1620-1 show conclusively that although that company had

charge of operative work, yet within its precincts and under its wing there was a speculative lodge, whose members were "Accepted Masons," whereas those of the company proper were Freemasons.

The combination of the two prefixes, "Free and Accepted," was brought about towards the end of the seventeenth century, though as a matter of fact the term "Free and Accepted Mason" is not met with in print before the Grand Lodge era of 1717.

There is not the slightest doubt in my mind after a reading of Conder's History of the Masons' Company, that the members of the Speculative lodge under its wing were not Operatives, but men from the better classes of the life of that period.

The truth is that the power of the Operative organizations in London and elsewhere gradually waned, and the Speculative element became more general, till during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Speculative lodges, so to speak, had the call, and the Operative control of the Craft passed away.

The gist of all that I have stated may be summed up in a few words, and that is that the Operative lodges which existed from "time immemorial" were the precursors of the Speculative lodges which existed prior to 1717.

THE FIRST GRAND LODGE.

Prior to 1717 there were no Grand Lodges. The meetings of the Craft during the Operative period, that is from the Middle Ages, were called Assemblies, and answered the purpose of the modern Grand Lodge. As early as the 17th century we find the term "General Assembly."

There were Speculative lodges in England long before the era of Grand Lodges—the lodge in the Masons' Company, another at Warrington, near Liverpool, in Lancashire, where Elias Ashmole was initiated in 1646, and the several old lodges which existed elsewhere in England for many years prior to 1717.

The earliest Operative lodge minutes preserved in Scotland are those of the lodge of Edinburgh, better known as Mary Chapel. These minutes date from 1599, and with the exception of thirteen years are complete from 1599 until 1905.

In these records we find that in 1600 John Boswell, Laird of Auchinlech, was present. He was not an opera-

tive. I have the honor to be an honorary member of the venerable "Mary Chapel" lodge.

It was in 1717 that some members of the London lodges determined to revive Freemasonry and organize a Grand Lodge for the government of the Craft. This determination brought the Grand Lodge of England into existence as the Mother Grand Lodge, directly or indirectly, of all regular Masonic lodges the world over.

To the indefatigable work of Bro. W. J. Hughan, with whom I have had the pleasure of a long and intimate friendship, is due the credit of having examined the old records and documents of the Craft and of having given to the world the result of his most thorough investigation in connection with the origin and history of Freemasonry.

THE GRAND LODGES OF ENGLAND.

Now, let me in a few sentences give you something about the early Grand Lodges of England.

As I have told you already, prior to 1717, there were no Grand Lodges, but on St. John the Baptist Day, 1717, the representatives of four of the old lodges that worked in London, assembled at the Goose and Gridiron Ale House in London yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, formed a Grand Lodge, and elected by a majority of hands—bear in mind not by ballot—Mr. Anthony Sayer, gentleman, as Grand Master of Masons.

This old tavern was built in 1670, and it was in existence in 1895, when it was demolished to make room for the extension of a mercantile warehouse. I had frequently visited the old house and had sat in the very room where my Masonic brethren sat 188 years ago, and in which they formed the original Grand Lodge of England.

My friend, the late W. Bro. Arthur Greenwood, of London, was the contractor for demolition of the building, and he gave me some of the oak joists which formed the floor of this historic room where Masonry was revived, and by its revival one of the greatest blessings was conferred upon mankind.

The chair that stands upon my right is made out of the oak joists that held up the floor of that very room.

The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England down to 1742 was confined to the cities of London and Westminster, but after that date lodges were constituted in other cities.

Remember, my brethren, that this was the first and the original Grand Lodge of England—the parent of all Grand Lodges.

A GRAND LODGE AT YORK.

In 1725 the Masons at York, who had a Speculative lodge from an early period, stimulated by the work of the Grand Lodge at London, established a Grand Lodge at York in December of that year, calling it by the pretentious name of the “Grand Lodge of all England.” This Grand Lodge became dormant in 1740, but was revived in 1761 and finally died of inanition about 1790, leaving no representatives.

GRAND LODGE OF THE ANCIENTS.

In 1751 a third governing body was established in the metropolis and designated “The Grand Lodge of England, according to the old constitutions.”

The members of this Grand Lodge were known as the “Ancients,” while those of the first Grand Lodge were unfairly called “Moderns.” The former were also known as “York Masons,” though they had no connection with that city.

THE PRESTON GRAND LODGE.

Then in 1779 there was a disagreement between William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, in London, and the Masons of the first Grand Lodge of England, and Bro. Preston and a majority of the members of his lodge withdrew therefrom and accepted a dispensation or authority from the Grand Lodge at York in March, 1779, constituting them as the “Grand Lodge of England south of the River Trent.”

But in May, 1790, the members of the Preston Grand Lodge made peace with the original Grand Lodge of England and were restored to all their Masonic privileges, and dissolved their Grand Lodge and subordinates. Thus during the eighteenth century there were actually four Grand Lodges existing in England. Quite recently, however, the number four has been changed to five by Bro. Sadler’s discovery that a number of Scottish Masons formed a Grand Lodge in London, for a short time, during the latter half of the 18th century, but it lived and died in obscurity. After 1790 there were but two rival

organizations — the original Grand Lodge of the "Moderns," of 1717, and the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," of 1751.

THE UNION IN ENGLAND.

These two bodies agreed to settle their differences, and on the 27th of December, 1813, joined hands and formed the present "United Grand Lodge of England." The Duke of Kent was the Grand Master of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, and the Duke of Sussex of the Grand Lodge of the "Moderns."

Before I proceed with the Canadian branch of the subject, let me say that with regard to the degrees of Masonry that, prior to the founding of the original Grand Lodge of England, the best opinion, that of Hughan, for instance, is that probably there were not three degrees, but only one ceremony in vogue up to the end of the 17th century.

ORIGIN OF THE RITUAL.

But it is generally admitted that the divisions of the Masonic system into three degrees was the work of ritual makers of the 1720-23 period, for we know from the Book of Constitution of 1723 and other publications that there were three degrees at that period.

As regards the rituals, a number were published from 1723, but they were all unrecognized. The fact is that the rituals of the pioneer years of the Grand Lodge of England were gradually embellished and extended as the years went on, until at the union in 1813 the working of the two grand Lodges was compared and revised, and very elaborate ceremonies were compiled and then promulgated by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, whose work is sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of England.

RITUALS OF CANADA AND U. S.

The work of our lodges in Canada is precisely the same as that of the Emulation work to which I have just referred, and exactly the same as that worked in England and in all lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England.

While speaking of rituals, let me remark that the work in the United States differs to a great extent from that of the Grand Lodge of England, and, of course, from that worked in Canada.

The ritual of the United States dates in its original form from about 1797-1801, and was the work of Thomas Smith Webb, who was undoubtedly the ablest ritualist of his day—as Bro. Carson says, “the very prince of Masonic workmen.” My old friend, R. W. Bro. Ehlers, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, in a recent conversation says that all the credit for the authorship and compilation of the original ritual used in the United States, and which is worked to-day in improved form, is due to Bro. Thomas Smith Webb. Masonry in what is now the United States had a direct connection with the founding of Freemasonry in Canada.

FIRST FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.

The Craft work of America was introduced into Massachusetts in 1733, when Henry Price was appointed Grand Master of North America by the original Grand Lodge of England. It had, however, been in operation in Pennsylvania slightly earlier, but from what source such knowledge was obtained has so far eluded discovery.

Canadian Masonry was founded in Nova Scotia between the years 1737-40. On the 13th of November, 1737, Erasmus James Phillips, an officer of the 40th Regiment, who was stationed at Annapolis Royal, visited Boston and was made a Mason in the “First Lodge in Boston.”

Bro. Phillips was a nephew of Col. Richard Phillips, the first governor of Nova Scotia, and was secretary of the Governor’s Council. Bro. Price, as Provincial Grand Master, also appointed Bro. Phillips as his Deputy, with power to organize lodges in that Province.

FIRST LODGE IN CANADA.

Phillips, therefore, not only organized a lodge at Annapolis, but also, on the petition of brethren at Halifax, granted in 1750 a warrant for a lodge, and appointed R. W. Bro. Edward Cornwallis, the founder of Halifax and Governor of Nova Scotia, as the first Master.

In the minutes of the first Lodge at Boston, in 1739, Bro. Phillips is entered as Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and there seems to be no doubt that he exercised all the powers of such an appointment. It seems to have been an extraordinary exercise of power on the part of Bro. Price, for there is no evidence of any authority from Eng-

land giving Bro. Phillips the position of Provincial Grand Master until 1758.

But Bro. Phillips was an active Mason, and did what little he had to do very well. I spent a pleasant day some years ago with one of his descendants, or rather a direct descendant of Sir Richard Phillips, the first Governor of Nova Scotia.

The descendant I refer to is an Anglican clergyman, the Rev. Sir James Erasmus Phillips, of Salisbury Cathedral, England.

I had the opportunity of making copies of all the correspondence of Bro. Erasmus Phillips, of Annapolis, and amongst the letters some to his mother, which showed his disposition as a loving and affectionate son, and evidently a man of very high moral character.

FIRST MASONRY IN QUEBEC.

Twenty years after the founding of the lodge at Annapolis, and ten years after the warranting of the first craft lodge at Halifax, and a few months after the gallant Wolfe had captured Quebec, the seven military lodges at Quebec, on the 27th of December, 1759, organized a Provincial Grand Lodge, under the original Grand Lodge of England—which was better known at a later period as the Grand Lodge of the “Moderns.”

These military lodges annually elected a Provincial Grand Master. One of these early Provincial Grand Masters was R. W. Bro. Simon Fraser, who commanded the 78th Highlanders at the assault on the ancient city.

This provincial Grand Lodge met with fair regularity, and continued its work down to 1792, when H. R. H. Prince Edward, afterwards the Duke of Kent, who will be remembered in later years as the father of the late Queen Victoria, finding the lodges of the city of Quebec in a somewhat dormant condition, determined to put new life into the Craft.

ANCIENTS IN ENGLAND.

He founded a Provincial Grand Lodge under the “Ancients” of England, a body that was the rival of the original Grand Lodge of England, and held the office of Grand Master down to 1812, although he had left Quebec many years before that date.

He was succeeded by R. W. Bro. Claude Denechau,

until 1822, when, in 1822-24, a number of the lodges of the Province applied to the Grand Lodge of England for warrants, which body divided the Province into two Provincial Grand Lodge districts, namely, "Quebec, and Three Rivers," which continued until 1870, when it was dissolved; and the Provincial Grand Lodge of "Montreal and William Henry," which also passed away some time after the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855.

This is practically the history of the Grand Lodges in the Province of Quebec down to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada and the present Grand Lodge of Quebec.

It is recorded that on one occasion at a meeting of the Grand Lodge at Quebec a brother, in speaking to a question, addressed the Prince as "Your Royal Highness," whereupon the Grand Master called him to order and said, "There are no royal highnesses here. We are all brethren."

After the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed in 1855 it was made a condition of recognition by the Grand Lodge of England that all lodges under English obedience that did not desire to affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Canada should be allowed to continue their work under their English warrants, but that no other warrants would be issued by the Grand Lodge of England in Canada.

In October of 1869 the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed by twenty-eight of the warranted lodges in that Province, and this Grand Lodge gradually absorbed all the Craft lodges in the province except the three which were under the Provincial Grand Lodge of England, viz., St. Paul's, St. Lawrence and St. George's, and so working in Montreal up to the present day.

MASONRY IN UPPER CANADA.

Now let me go back for a few minutes to the pioneer days of Masonry in our own Province of Ontario, or rather in old Upper Canada.

In March, 1792, R. W. Bro. William Jarvis was appointed by the Grand Lodge of the Ancients of England as the Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada. He established his Grand Lodge at Niagara on the 27th December, 1792.

It must be remembered that prior to the advent of R.

W. Bro. William Jarvis there were at least ten lodges in Upper Canada, some warranted by the Provincial Grand Lodge at Quebec, others by the original Grand Lodge of England, and one at least by the Grand Lodge of New York.

Bro. Jarvis warranted about twenty lodges during his term as Provincial Grand Master. I note a few :

The first lodge warranted was the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, at Niagara.

It is said that Governor Simcoe, who had been made a Mason in Exeter in England in 1773, was a member of this lodge, but his name does not appear upon any of the records. Governor Simcoe was initiated in Union Lodge, Exeter, in December, 1773.

AT CATHEDRAL YARD.

I have had the pleasure of putting up at the Globe Hotel, in the Cathedral Yard, where the lodge met, and of seeing the room where our premier Governor first saw the Great Lights spread. I have an excellent photograph of the brother who tyled Union Lodge on that memorable occasion.

St. John's Lodge of Friendship, No. 2, at Niagara, was quite a prominent lodge.

Lodge No. 3, that in the regiment of the Queen's Rangers. It met in the old fort in York (Toronto).

The Lodge of Philanthropy, at Niagara, No. 4, was the first lodge to form a Board of Relief.

Lodge No. 5, at Edwardsburg. It met at Tucker's Tavern, at the northeast corner of the road from Prescott to Montreal, on the road to Spencerville.

Lodge No. 6, at Kingston, a lodge that has perfect records from November, 1795. It was a leading lodge ; I may say, the lodge of the Midland district.

Lodge No. 7, at Fredericksburg, now Conway, in Lennox County, at the entrance to the Bay of Quinte.

Lodge No. 8, at York, now Toronto. The first Masonic funeral in Upper Canada was under the auspices of this lodge, and Bro. Jarvis was present.

Lodge No. 9, in the township of Bertie, in Welland. It met at Fort Erie.

CHIEF BRANT A MEMBER.

Lodge No. 10, in the township of Barton, now Hamilton. Chief Joseph Brant was a member of this lodge. Bro. Richard Beasley was also a member.

Lodge No. 11, at Mohawk village, on the Grand River, near Brantford. This was the lodge that the Brant family more regularly attended.

Lodge No. 12, at Stamford, near Niagara Falls. One of its rules was that if a brother appear "disguised in liquor he would not be admitted, but was sure to be admonished by the Master the next night."

Lodge No. 13, at Elizabethtown. This was a noted lodge that did much for early Masonry, for it sounded the keynote for an independent Grand Lodge for Upper Canada. It was also known as Leeds Lodge.

Howard Lodge, No. 14, at Southwold, in Middlesex. It met at Lee's tavern, lot 26, north, on Talbot Road east.

Lodge No. 15, at Grimsby—the lodge at the Forty Mile Creek—a great lodge, most enthusiastic in its work.

Lodge No. 16, at York, now Toronto. The famous St. John's Royal Arch Lodge, No. 16, that built the first masonic hall in Toronto.

Lodge No. 17, in the township of Thurlow, at Belleville.

Lodge No. 18, at Amherstburg, known as Adoniram. This lodge was working the second degree on the night of 11th June, 1812, when a brother rode up to the lodge and gave the alarm that General Hull was crossing at Sandwich. The W. M. rushed the work while horses were being saddled, and in ten minutes the brethren shouldered their guns and were off to meet the invader.

UNDER THE RULE OF JARVIS.

The Craft did not prosper under the rule of Bro. Jarvis, who died in 1817. In 1800-01, in fact earlier, there were signs of great discontent with Bro. Jarvis. He had opened his Provincial Grand Lodge at Niagara in 1702, but came over to York in 1796 with Governor Simcoe.

He refused to call Grand Lodge at Niagara, and insisted that the Great East was at York, for he, the Provincial Grand Master, was there. So there was much friction, and the Niagara District brethren elected R. W. Bro. Dr. Kerr as Provincial Grand Master, and refused to have anything to do with Bro. Jarvis.

Then trouble ensued. Bro. Jarvis did not interest himself in the Craft work at Toronto, and Bro. Kerr was very active at Niagara. A great deal of credit is due to Bro. Robert Kerr, who, by the way, was a prominent

medical man—a surgeon in Sir John Johnston's Second Battalion. He married a daughter of Sir Wm. Johnson, whose second wife was Mary or "Molly" Brant, a sister of Chief Joseph Brant.

The Craft of the Niagara District flourished under Bro. Kerr, and in 1817 the Kingston Masonic Convention was formed by the lodges of the Midland District, under R. W. Bro. Ziba M. Phillips, the most energetic Freemason in Upper Canada from 1816-45.

CRAFT REORGANIZED.

The troubles of the Craft in Canada were reported to the Grand Lodge of England, and after four years' effort R. W. Bro. Simon McGillivray came to Canada in September, 1822, by instruction of the Duke of Sussex, and reorganized the Craft and formed the second Provincial Grand Lodge at York (Toronto). Bro. McGillivray was initiated in the "Shakespeare" Lodge (now No. 99), London, 23rd April, 1807, and became a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge of England.

R. W. Bro. McGillivray was the Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. James Fitzgibbon was Deputy Grand Master. I have had the pleasure of many enjoyable interviews with Rear Admiral Dawkins and Mrs. Dawkins, who was the daughter of R. W. Bro. Simon McGillivray. You all know the story of the fight at the Beaver Dam in the township of Thorold, and of how Lieut. Fitzgibbon, with a handful of men, captured about 500 American troops.

Bro. John Beikie succeeded in 1825 Bro. Fitzgibbon, and was active in the Craft until 1839. He was clerk of the Executive council of Upper Canada. He was the best ritualist of his day.

SECOND PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The Second Provincial Grand Lodge became dormant about 1830, and in 1845 the Third Provincial Grand Lodge was organized at Hamilton with M. W. Bro. Sir Allan Macnab as Grand Master. It was organized in the building on the southwest corner of Hughson and Main streets, formerly occupied by the Spectator Company.

This Provincial Grand Lodge was an energetic body and continued its work until 1858, when it made terms

and united with the Grand Lodge of Canada under the Grand Mastership of William Mercer Wilson. Its leading officials for some years opposed strongly the formation of an independent Grand Lodge, but in 1852 an effort was made in that direction, but without success, and again in 1854. The Grand Lodge of England did not even acknowledge the receipt of the petition of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Finally, in July of 1855, at Niagara Falls, the Provincial Grand Lodge rejected a motion to form an independent Grand Lodge, and this vote sounded the death knell of the Provincial body.

THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The air was full of resolve for a governing body. Aided by the influence and efforts of the Irish lodges in Canada, a convention was called in October, 1855, at Hamilton, and the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed by all the Irish lodges and many of the lodges of the Third Provincial Grand Lodge.

In the meantime the Third Provincial saw that they had lost their opportunity, and three years later they changed the Third Provincial Grand Lodge into an independent and sovereign body under the name of the Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada, and united with the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1858.

WHAT GRAND LODGE HAS DONE.

Now, brethren, let me give you very briefly something about the history of our own Grand Lodge.

The time at my disposal will only permit me to refer to the principal incidents in its honored life of half a century.

At its first communication, in July, 1856, there were 33 lodges on the roll; to-day there are 383.

In 1856 the receipts were \$465, and the disbursements \$320. In 1903 our receipts were \$30,263 and our disbursements \$25,937—of which nearly \$14,000 was for benevolent purposes.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland, in 1856, was the first foreign Grand Lodge to recognize the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In 1857 efforts were made to effect a union with the Ancient Grand Lodge, and in 1858, through the services of M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, that happy event was consummated.

In 1859 the difficulties between the Grand Lodge of Canada and that of England were settled, and the mother Grand Lodge extended the right hand of fellowship—and so did Scotland.

No words of mine can do justice to the work of M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson. He was a model Grand Master, a man of much ability—as his correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England and his able handling of our case testifies, and will forever be gratefully remembered by our Grand Lodge.

TO COMMEMORATE THE UNION.

In 1860 M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, of Ottawa, was elected to succeed Bro. Wilson—and at this meeting the medal commemorative of the union was ordered to be struck.

In 1861 the misunderstanding about the laying of the foundation stone of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa took place. It had been arranged that the Grand Lodge should perform the ceremony, but the influence of the Roman Catholic hierarchy prevailed, and the services of Grand Lodge, although duly assembled, were not made use of.

In this year the Board of General Purposes was formed.

In 1863 there was lengthy correspondence with England in reference to the status of certain English lodges in Canada.

The correspondence was carried on for us by the master hand of M. W. Bro. Harington, and it is conceded that he conducted the matter in a very able manner—his letters are models of argument and diction.

In 1864 the system of nomination of elective officers was adopted.

In 1865 an effort was made to secure uniformity in the esoteric work.

In 1866, looking forward to confederation, M. W. Bro. Wilson was again in the chair. He favored a Grand Lodge for British North America and a Provincial Grand Lodge for each province.

In 1867 he suggested a Grand Lodge for the Dominion, but the idea did not find favor.

In 1868 Sir John A. Macdonald was appointed representative of Canada—near the Grand Lodge of England. I had the honor of succeeding that distinguished brother.

In 1869 Grand Lodge honored our good brother, M. W. Bro. Stevenson, whom we are so glad to have with us to-day, with the position of Grand Master. Long may he be spared to us.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

In this year the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed, but it was not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada until 1874.

In 1871 dual membership in our lodge was abolished, but in 1872 the resolution was rescinded.

In 1872 the Grand Lodge made a gift of \$2,000 to the Chicago fire sufferers. While the conflagration was in progress the telegraph message of M. W. Bro. Wilson was handed to the Mayor of the burning city as he watched the flames.

In 1873 Vermont threatened non-intercourse with Canada unless all claims to jurisdiction in Quebec were withdrawn. Bro. Wilson at once resented the insult by suspending intercourse with that Grand Lodge.

In 1874, at the Grand Lodge at Toronto, a dramatic scene took place upon the floor of Grand Lodge, when the Master of Antiquity Lodge, Montreal, was discussing the status of the brethren who had stood ultra loyal to the Grand Lodge of Canada. He stood upon the dais, and as he closed his address he dropped on his knees and implored the Grand Lodge of Canada for God's sake not to forsake them.

IN MANITOBA AND P. E. I.

In 1875 we had the formation of Grand Lodges in Manitoba and Prince Edward Island. It was during this year that the Eden Lodge difficulty arose, which led to the formation of the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," which passed away a few years ago.

In 1876 about fifty brethren who had joined the Grand Lodge of Ontario were promptly suspended by M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and Grand Lodge fully endorsed his action.

In 1878 we severed fraternal relations with France on account of the official non-recognition of the Deity.

In 1880 M. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, of whom we have so many pleasant recollections, ordered that no candidate should be initiated outside of the jurisdiction in

which he resided without the consent of the lodge to which the candidate by right belonged.

In 1884 Grand Lodge expressed an opinion unfavorable to the use of liquor at the refreshment tables of lodges.

In 1885 the entire districts of Grand Lodge were redistributed.

In 1886, in deference to the opinion of foreign bodies, that the words "Grand Lodge of Canada" did not indicate the exact jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the words "in the Province of Ontario" were added to our title.

In 1887 Grand Lodge affiliated with the General Board of Relief of the United States and Canada—and by this act has in eighteen years probably saved the Craft of Canada about \$50,000.

In 1888 Lodge No. 159, Vankleek Hill, the last lodge on the Irish register working in Canada, affiliated with Grand Lodge.

In 1891-02 I had the honor of being elected Grand Master, and had the pleasure of officially visiting each of the 357 lodges in the jurisdiction during my Grand Mastership.

CENTENNIAL OF GRAND LODGE, UPPER CANADA.

On the 27th December, 1892, the centennial of the founding of the first Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada by R. W. Bro. Jarvis, at Niagara, was commemorated at Toronto, at which I had the honor of presiding, with Bro. George A. Kirkpatrick, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, seated on my right.

In 1893 the centennial of Masonry in Kingston was celebrated by the Craft of that city.

In 1896 the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario ceased to exist, largely through the efforts of the late R. W. Bro. George Patterson, of Toronto, who died a few days ago, and whose death we all, I am sure, deeply regret. In 1897 a new form of ballot paper, prepared by me, by which all officers are elected at one ballot, was adopted.

In 1902 the rank of Hon. Past Grand Master was conferred on the M. W. the G. M. of England, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught.

In 1903 M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding suggested the establishment of a \$100,000 fund for charity, to mark the semi-centennial celebration of Grand Lodge. Let us hope that this fund will soon be completed.

In 1004 the one hundredth anniversary of Masonry in Norfolk county was observed by Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, the mother lodge of M. W. Bro. Wilson, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

To mark the semi-centennial of Grand Lodge it was ordered last year that the grants to recipients of benevolence for 1905 should be increased by one-half.

And here we are to-day with 390 lodges on our roll and a membership of 35,000, doing a work for Masonry that has earned for us not only the good words of the Grand Lodges of the world—but the esteem and respect of the people at large in this happy land that is our home.

A WORD IN CLOSING.

Bro. Robertson said on concluding:

And now, my brethren, I have told you in brief the story of the Craft, the story of the Grand Lodges, of the Mother Grand Lodges, which in due course gave to the world in 1813 the United Grand Lodge of England.

I have told you of the beginnings of Masonry in Canada, the story of the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge that pioneered our own Grand Lodge, and of whose work I may say in the words of Sir Christopher Wren's eulogy or epitaph in St. Paul's Cathedral, "If you would see their monument look around you."

But, my brethren, we are not here to plant funeral lamps around the buried greatness of the pioneer Grand Lodges who have sown where we are reaping.

Theirs was the seed time, ours the harvest—a harvest that shall never end in an autumn of decay.

I say that we would be poor Masons if we could travel in thought as we have journeyed together over fifty years of true and faithful work for Masonry without realizing that we are here not merely to bury or to praise the Cæsars of Masonic history.

We are here to unitedly renew our vows of loyalty to the Craft at the altar lights of its history.

We are here to acknowledge what the fathers of Masonry have done in this country.

We are here to realize that we are becoming fathers ourselves.

I hope and pray that in the aftertime—in the years to come when the sons and grandsons of our Masonic household gather around the altar of this Grand Lodge they

will have as good reason to look back with pride upon us, as we have to look back with pride and gratitude upon the Masons of long ago, the pioneer craftsmen who carried the Union Jack into the backwoods of Canada, whose first altar was an oak stump upon which the Holy Writings were spread, and at which many a good man and true was brought from the darkness of the world into the light of the Craft.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, in moving a vote of thanks to M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, said:

"We are exceedingly fortunate in having in our ranks a brother so eminently qualified to serve us on such an important occasion as this jubilee year. Among other things we have to be exceedingly careful and thorough in all our historic statements (almost as if we had been witnesses of them) when we speak of past events. I think there is a slight error as to the date of the Union Medal. That important event—the union of the whole Craft in Canada—took place in the city of Toronto on the 14th July, 1858, when the Ancient Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada united under the banner of this Grand Lodge, and on motion of M. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, ex-Mayor of Toronto, a commemoration medal was ordered to be "struck," the wearing of which was restricted to those who were present at that communication. I happened to be present for the first time in Grand Lodge, and I got, and still possess one of the medals. I rise not to criticise, however, but to congratulate Grand Lodge on having so capable a brother as M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson as its historian, and to express our gratitude to him for his effort of to-day. Experience in Grand Lodge has proven that anything undertaken by M. W. Bro. Robertson is an indication of thoroughness, while for him to make a statement on any subject carries always with it the stamp of reliability. Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on having a brother so well qualified and endowed, so willing to make sacrifices, and who does his work so efficiently on occasions of this kind. I am sure that everyone who has heard his address to-day hopes that he will be long spared to continue in such work, and that the same willingness that has characterized him in the past will continue in the future. I also hope that the brethren present will see to it that the affairs of Grand

Lodge are conducted in such a manner that when the centennial of this Grand Lodge shall come (I do not expect to see it myself, but some of you will) that some now present will be able to look back upon this day and point to the fact that it was the lecture just delivered that prompted and fostered in them a desire to do a far greater work in the next fifty years than has been accomplished in the past. I am sure that you will all concur in the resolution I propose."

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes begs to make the following recommendations:

1. That warrants be issued to the following lodges, viz: Tottenham Lodge, No. 467, Tottenham, in Georgian District No. 9; Peel Lodge, No. 468, Caledon East, in Toronto West District No. 11; Algoma Lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste Marie, in Nipissing District No. 18; Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbor, in Georgian District, No. 9; King Edward VII Lodge, No. 471, Chippewa, in Niagara District No. 10.

2. That the dispensations granted to Gore Lodge, Gore Bay; The Beaches Lodge, Balmy Beach; Victoria Lodge, Toronto Junction; Dundurn Lodge, Hamilton, and Corinthian Lodge, North Gower, be continued during the ensuing year.

3. That as the M. W. the Grand Master refused the petition for a dispensation of the brethren of Lynden, your committee recommend that his decision be approved.

4. As the petition of the brethren from Blind River, Algoma, for a dispensation to form a lodge, has not been recommended by the R. W. the D. D. G. M., or approved by the nearest lodge, your committee cannot recommend that a dispensation be granted at the present time.

5. Several brethren residing in the vicinity of Dungannon have petitioned for a dispensation, but as the D. D. G. M. has not visited the place and the necessary report and information had not been furnished, it is recommended that the matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted.

D. F. MACWATT.

Chairman Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING
AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented

the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the undermentioned accounts, and finding the same correct, recommend them to the Audit and Finance Committee for payment:

The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, lithographing certificates and warrants	\$1,184 35
The Spectator Printing Co., Hamilton, contract work to July 1st	\$1,978 95
Less paid on account.. . . .	1,000 00
Robert Duncan & Co., Hamilton, stationery, goods, etc.	108 90
A. C. Turnbull, Hamilton, sundries	44 28
Howell Litho. Co., Hamilton, lithographing	35 00
Bell Telephone Co., office phone.. . . .	23 50
The T. W. Hand Fireworks Co., tubes for certificates	17 25
French Bros., 20 folio books.....	6 25

Total \$2,403 48

The Board will endeavor to place the different reports of Grand Lodge (such as are deemed prudent to print at this time) in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their presentation to Grand Lodge, and not before.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN S. DEWAR,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of General Purposes on Printing and Supplies be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report that they have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and have pleasure in certifying to their correctness.

All monies received by the Grand Secretary have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer and their receipt acknowl-

edged by that officer. Vouchers have been produced for payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in the office. The total receipts have been\$33,011 18

The total expenditures as follows:

General purposes	14,402 83
Benevolence	13,940 00
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	\$28,342 83
Receipts over expenditures	4,668 35
The receipts last year were	30,141 52
The increase this year being	2,869 66

We again have pleasure in recording that the receipts this year have exceeded all previous records.

During the year the Investment Committee have invested the sum of \$4,866.66 in the purchase of City of Toronto Debentures bearing 3½ per cent., which purchase will net Grand Lodge 4.05 per cent.

Securities held by Grand Lodge on the 31st May, 1905, were as follows:

Brockville Debentures, 4 per cent. face value	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, 6 per cent. face value	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., 4 per cent. face value	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, 4 per cent. face value	20,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co., 4 per cent. face value	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co., 4 1-8 per cent. face value..	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., 4 1-8 per cent face value..	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., 4 1-8 per cent. face value	15,000 00
City of Brantford Debentures, 4 per cent. face value	8,000 00
St. Thomas, school, 4 per cent., netting Grand Lodge 4 1-16 per cent.	12,148 50
City of Toronto Debentures, 3½ per cent., netting Grand Lodge 4.05 per cent.	4,866 66
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	\$110,015 16
Balance at credit of Current Account in Canadian .	
Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 1905	6,153 36
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	\$116,168 52

We have to report that the Semi-Centennial Fund at this date amounts to \$20,849.99.

On account of a vote at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge there will be paid on account of Benevolence

from the General Fund, as a special Semi-Centennial grant, the sum of \$7,520.00.

The Board recommends payment of the following accounts, viz.:—

Committee on Foreign Correspondence	\$ 150 00
Grand Secretary, balance of incidental expenses to 31st May, 1905	148 11
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals, 1905 and 1906	1,000 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond	12 50
General Masonic Relief association, subscription	163 54
Benevolent grants	<u>15,035 00</u>
Total..	\$16,509 15

The Committee on Printing and Supplies report that the following accounts are correct, and the Board recommends their payment:—

Copp, Clark Co., certificates and warrants	\$1,184 35
Spectator Printing Co., (contract) July 1, '05.	\$1,978 95
Less paid on account	<u>1,000 00</u>
	978 95
The Robt. Duncan Co., stationery, etc.....	108 90
A. C. Turnbull, stationery	44 28
The Howell Lithographing Co.	35 00
The Bell Telephone Co.	28 50
The Hand Fireworks Co., tubes for mailing	17 25
French Bros., folio books	<u>6 25</u>
	\$2,403 48

The Board recommends the payment of the expenses of the Semi-Centennial Committee when ascertained and passed by the Chairman of the Board of General Purposes.

We further recommend the payment to R. W. Bro. Nixon, attendance at the Benevolent Committee, \$15.00, also to R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Auditor's fees in full, \$300.

We have inspected the Grand Secretary's bond issued by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., of Baltimore, same is drawn on a special and approved form for the sum of \$5,000.00, and authorizes the Grand Master for the time being to fully represent Grand Lodge in renewing same. The bond is in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

Upon consideration of a letter to the Grand Secretary from Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Springfield, claiming that their regalia had been returned to Grand Lodge when they surrendered their charter, and that said regalia had not been returned to them when their charter was renewed, we would recommend that a grant of \$25 be made.

The Board recommends that the sum of \$750.00 per annum be paid to the Inspector of Benevolent Grants, on condition that he makes investigations at the direction of and to the satisfaction of the Committee on Benevolence, the said sum to include all traveling expenses.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Before closing, the Board desires to express its admiration and approval of the improvement made in the Grand Secretary's offices, and feel that they are now in keeping with the dignity of our beloved Order.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Hamilton, July 17th, 1905.

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes :

R. W. Sir and Brethren :

By instructions of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I have made a monthly audit of the books of the Grand Secretary for the year ending 31st May, 1905, and have also examined the books of the Grand Treasurer for the year, together with his annual report, and I beg to certify to their correctness and good order. The balance in the bank at 31st May, 1905, after deducting outstanding cheques, was \$6,153.36, and agree with the Grand Treasurer's books. The receipts from various sources have been regularly accounted for by the Grand Secretary and deposited to the credit of the Grand Treasurer. I have checked and verified the statements of receipts from lodges, and ledger balances, compiled by the Grand Secretary, also receipts on account of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, which have been regularly deposited in a special account to the credit of the Grand Treasurer.

On 13th June, 1905, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, I examined the securities belonging to Grand Lodge, in the safety deposit vault of the Toronto General Trusts Company, and found them to agree with the list of Grand Lodge investments, and the unmatured interest coupons properly attached.

The face value of the said securities is as follows :

Grand Lodge, general account	\$110,015 16
Semi-Centennial Fund account.. .. .	5,000 00
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	\$115,015 16

Monthly statements of the receipts have been regularly forwarded to the M. W. the Grand Master and to the President of the Board.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN, C. A.,
Auditor.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. George S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report that since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge 15 applications for interim grants were received by the Chairman of the Committee, upon which 12 grants were made amounting to the sum of \$465.00. Three of the applications were investigated and deemed not to be extreme cases of distress requiring immediate relief and were held over for the consideration of the committee at the meeting of Grand Lodge. At the present meeting of Grand Lodge 333 applications have been received and have been dealt with as follows:

163 applications from Local Boards of Relief, of which 155 have been granted, amounting to.. ..	\$6,035 00
(and 8 applications have been refused).	
170 applications from lodges, of which 165 have been granted, amounting to.. ..	8,025 00
(and five applications have been refused).	
Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge:	
Mrs. W. M. Wilson.	\$300 00
Mrs. T. D. Harington.. . . .	300 00
Miss Mary Wilson	300 00
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00
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	975 00
Total amount of grants made at this Annual Communication	\$15,035 00
Interim grants made by the Chairman of the Committee and approved by the M. W. the Grand Master during the past year	465 00
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	\$15,500 00
Special grants made in commemoration of the Semi-Centennial of Grand Lodge.. . . .	7,520 00
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Total grants made during the year.	\$23,020 00

The grants made by lodges during the year, as shown by the tabulated statements furnished by the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports, amount in the aggregate to \$14,000.00.

The following lodges have not made returns of the disposal made of amounts granted by Grand Lodge last year, and of local aid given, and consequently cheques will not be issued for any grants through those lodges this year until proper returns are received, viz.: Lodges numbered 45, 90, 120, 153, 166, 224, 257, 303, 314, 388 and 462.

In order to give effect to the resolution passed by Grand

Lodge at the last annual meeting, to "increase the sums granted to the general recipients for the year 1905 by one-half," a list of those entitled to such increase was prepared by instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, upon the lists of grants made in 1904. This list included only the beneficiaries of whom notice of death or marriage had not been received, and amounts to the sum of \$5,910.00. A difference of opinion arose as to whether the cheques should be issued upon the 1904 or the 1905 lists. They have, however, been prepared and signed and are ready for distribution. Your Committee recommends that the cheques should be issued, and that new beneficiaries whose names appear in the lists of grants made at this meeting of Grand Lodge be treated in the same manner in order that no person entitled to the increased grant be deprived of it. This will involve an additional \$1,610.00, which is included in the tabulated statement given above.

Three years having expired since the last general investigation of applications, the Board recommends that all applications should be investigated by the Inspector this year and that the cheques be withheld until a favorable report be received, or cancelled if reported against.

The present Semi-Centennial celebration of Grand Lodge seems to be a fitting occasion upon which to refer to the establishment and progress of the system of benevolence which is now in operation, and to take into consideration the best method of relieving our brethren in distress and the widows and other relatives of deceased brethren in reduced circumstances.

In his address to Grand Lodge in 1860 our late Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wilson, said in part: "The difficulties which beset the early movements of the Grand Lodge of Canada have all disappeared as morning dews. Its course has been blessed by unexampled prosperity. It is surely time to remember those who are called to suffer, to wipe tears from sorrowing eyes, and to shed the beams of hope on despairing hearts; to raise a monument of our gratitude, and to devote it to God and to distressed brethren. The report of the Committee to which was referred the generous admonition on this subject from St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, will, I presume, bring up this matter in some tangible shape for your consideration. Whatever form your benevolent efforts may assume, I am assured that they will be worthy of yourselves, of the circumstances of our history, and of the principles which it is our duty to exemplify. We can teach the outside world to regard Masonry and Benevolence as interchangeable and synonymous terms." The "generous admonition" from St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, to which M. W. Bro. Wilson alluded appears to have advocated the establishment of an asylum, for the Committee to which it was referred reported in 1861 as to the probable cost of an asylum, the nature of the building required, the locality and site, the provision of funds, the support, maintenance and management of the institution and the rules for admission of applicants.

Funds for the establishment of the asylum were appropriated by Grand Lodge and subscribed by some of the lodges in sub-

sequent years, but the scheme was finally abandoned and the funds were in part paid back to the subscribing lodges and the balance transferred to the general funds of Grand Lodge.

In the meantime small sums appear to have been placed at the disposal of the Grand Master for benevolent purposes and were dispensed by him. In 1861 the Committee on the Grand Master's address recommended a Board or Committee on Benevolence, and Grand Master Harington, in his address to Grand Lodge in 1863, referred to the desirability of establishing a "Fund and Committee on Benevolence."

The first record of the appointment or action of the Committee on Benevolence appears in the proceedings for the year 1864, when the Board of General Purposes recommended grants to four applicants for various sums amounting to the aggregate of \$255.00. Since that time the amounts paid out have gradually increased, as the following statement shows, until in the present year the grants recommended amount to \$15,500.00 in addition to the special grants for this Semi-Centennial anniversary amounting to \$7,520.00.

Statement of amounts paid out by the Grand Lodge of Canada for purposes of benevolence from its formation in 1855 to 31st May, 1905, showing the totals for each decade :

1859	.. . . .	\$ 100 00	
1862	.. . . .	30 00	
1863	.. . . .	150 00	
1864	.. . . .	255 00	
1865	.. . . .	401 00	936 00
1866	.. . . .	391 00	
1867	.. . . .	460 00	
1868	.. . . .	910 00	
1869	.. . . .	1,245 00	
1870	.. . . .	2,190 00	
1871	.. . . .	3,481 00	
1872	.. . . .	4,100 00	
1873	.. . . .	4,870 00	
1874	.. . . .	4,640 00	
1875	.. . . .	5,605 00	27,892 00
1876	.. . . .	5,925 43	
1877	.. . . .	6,040 00	
1878	.. . . .	8,250 00	
1879	.. . . .	10,230 00	
1880	.. . . .	7,547 50	
1881	.. . . .	12,408 75	
1882	.. . . .	9,536 82	
1883	.. . . .	10,089 83	
1884	.. . . .	9,825 00	
1885	.. . . .	10,625 00	90,478 33
1886	.. . . .	10,085 00	
1887	.. . . .	10,850 00	
1888	.. . . .	10,665 00	
1889	.. . . .	10,795 00	
1890	.. . . .	9,610 00	
1891	.. . . .	10,206 25	
1892	.. . . .	5,880 00	
1893	.. . . .	8,251 25	

1894	8,081 25	
1895	9,396 25	93,820 00
1896	8,523 00	
1897	9,205 00	
1898	10,775 00	
1899	9,830 00	
1900	13,150 00	
1901	11,840 00	
1902	11,565 00	
1903	11,880 00	
1904	12,905 00	
1905	13,940 00	113,613 00
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		\$326,739 33

Making a grand total of \$326,739.33 disbursed for the benefit of the destitute and suffering during the first fifty years of the existence of this Grand Lodge.

We should contemplate these figures, not with proud hearts and boastful tongues, but rather in a spirit of great thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for so blessing us and our feeble efforts for good that we are able to exercise the virtue of charity so beautifully impressed upon us in our ceremonies, and to avail ourselves of the great privilege of "extending relief and consolation to our fellow creatures in the hour of their affliction."

The present system seems to have been successful in distributing the available funds of Grand Lodge during the past years so as to do the greatest possible good to the greatest number, it helps to soothe the bed of sickness in some cases, and in others, by making additions to meagre incomes, it adds materially to the comfort of the beneficiaries.

There are, however, very many cases in which much benefit would be judiciously conferred by increasing the grants made and, with the approval of Grand Lodge, it is contemplated to make these increases in the future. For this purpose the Board recommends that the maximum amounts which may be granted to brethren shall be \$150 instead of \$100, and to relatives \$100 instead of \$80, and that the maximum of interim grants which may be made between meetings of Grand Lodge be increased from \$40 to \$50.

The application of the income from the investment of the Semi-Centennial fund will be a material aid in relieving the distress of those most in need of it. It is hoped that at this meeting of Grand Lodge the administration of that fund will be properly organized, so that the object of the scheme will be attended without unnecessary delay.

In conclusion the Committee on Benevolence desires to express the hope and belief that Grand Lodge, in the future, as in the past, will endeavor to carry out the admonitions of its ceremonies and the sublime principles of our Order.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,
Chairman.

Hamilton, July 18th, 1905.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes has had submitted for its perusal and consideration the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters who have presided over the twenty-two Districts, in which, for purposes of supervision, this Grand Jurisdiction is divided.

The District Deputy Grand Masters have been energetic and active in the discharge of their duties, as only two Lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge have not had a visit from a representative of the Grand Master. The proportion of unvisited Lodges is the smallest in the history of Grand Lodge, and it is a matter of satisfaction that in this, the Semi-Centennial year, the inspection should be so complete as to afford a thorough grasp of the condition of the Craft.

Your Board once again takes occasion to point out the great importance of the office of D. D. G. M., as its occupant ranks next to the Grand Master in the District over which he presides, exercises wide powers, is the channel of communication with the Grand Master on all matters of importance, enforces his authority and spreads abroad his wisdom. These officers are the eyes and ears of the Grand Master throughout the jurisdiction, from their closeness of observation is ascertained the growth, conduct and business position of the Lodges owing allegiance to this Grand Lodge, and it is from the information afforded by these reports that we are able to deduce the condition of Masonry. Having regard to the important functions of these officers, the powers they exercise, and the dignity they reflect, they ought to be carefully selected and held in strict account for the full performance of their duties. The obligations, however, are not all on one side, the Lodges should vie with each other in paying respect to them, should advise and consult with them in all matters of difficulty or importance, and beyond all should carry out their instructions and rulings punctually and to the letter. If in addition of these evidences of discipline and loyalty, hospitality and courtesy is extended to them they can ask no more, but they should receive nothing less.

For fifty years the representatives of the Grand Master have been looking after the interests and reputation of this

Grand Lodge and it speaks volumes for the wisdom and common sense of the army of D.D.G.M's who during half a century have ruled and guarded the Craft, that so few mistakes have been made. Marvelous to say, it has been a rare exception for a D. D. G. M.'s ruling to be appealed against, and a still rarer exception for a ruling to have been reversed. The Lodges have respected and obeyed these excellent officers, who have sacrificed their time, their money and their comfort in the interest of their brethren. The duties of these officers, always onerous, have been increased this year by the carrying out of Grand Lodge instructions, that every effort should be made to create a thank offering to Almighty God on this our fiftieth anniversary, by raising a sum of money for the alleviation of pain and the succor of the poor and needy who have claims upon us, right nobly have they labored and, if we have not attained the success expected, they are not to blame. As it has been for the preceding 49 years, so has it been in this the fiftieth year of our existence as a Grand Lodge, no Grand Master has ever had better or more faithful District Deputies than those who have ruled the Districts in this Semi-Centennial year of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The reports received are very satisfactory reading, disclosing as they do the growth, harmony and material progress of our beloved order. The numerical growth of the Craft, the quality of the material admitted through our portals, the accuracy and perfection of the work, the strong harmonious spirit existing, the observance of the laws, regulations and landmarks, the religious sentiment prevailing, the charity of the Craft, and the financial standing of the Lodges are the basic facts from which can be deduced the condition of Masonry.

As to our numerical growth, it is found that there is now on the roll of Grand Lodge 390 Lodges, 380 of which are warranted and 10 under dispensation. There have been no erasures of Lodges during the year; on the contrary, the Grand Master has issued dispensations to six new Lodges. The number of Masons in good standing at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge was 32,708. There have been initiated this year 2,765, and deducting decreases from all causes the number now in good standing is about 35,000, showing a net gain 2,292 during the Semi-Centennial year.

Your Board, while congratulating Grand Lodge upon the continued hold our noble institution has upon the youth and intelligence of this fair Province, takes occasion to caution the Craft against any laxity in regard to character. In this age when so many societies exist and fraternalism is in the air, the Masonic body, which values quality not quantity, should set its face as flint against anything tending to make Masonry cheap or common. Let the inquiry into character be even more thorough than it has been. Let us not judge a Lodge's usefulness or standing by the crowd of candidates it slips through its doors, but by the character and quality of the Masons it makes.

The work is reported to be on the whole uniform, intelligent and well performed. In 390 Lodges, with 4,000 officers, it is inevitable that there shall be weakness on the part of

some, but as a matter of fact the continuous improvement in the character of the work done has been one of the marked characteristics of recent years. It is important for many reasons that there shall be no laxity, or falling away in the high standard attained, because the work is what first impresses those who are coming in, who are to be the rulers of the future. At the same time the work is not the end of a Lodge's existence; it is an important means to an end, because it teaches in an intelligent manner the lessons and principles upon which the whole superstructure rests. In this, as in all human affairs, good lessons well taught are what makes for intelligence and reputation. The Board is of opinion that District Deputies should be very general in their references to the character of the work seen by them in the Lodges, and never specify the detail of weakness. This remark is called forth because certain District Deputy Grand Masters have referred to matters with which the general public has no concern and which it should not be informed about. Your Board is pleased to record the fact that the number of Masters reported unable to work all the degrees is decreasing year by year, and with more care on the part of examining boards ought in the near future to disappear.

Prosperity of the brightest kind seems to be universal, and the financial status of the Lodges is a matter for congratulation. Harmony prevails in all the Districts to such an extent as to almost warrant your Board in stating it to be complete. The small differences existing in one or two Districts are trifles, and could be obliterated by the exercise of forbearance and tact. The Board finds that the secretarial and financial duties of the Lodges are in good hands, not a single misappropriation or misapplication of funds being reported. Your Board is again struck by the mass of testimony borne by the D. D. G. M.'s to the accurate work and prompt attention to duty observed by them in Lodges where there is a permanent secretary, particularly if he happens to be a Past Master. Each lodge must be its own judge in the election of these officers, but evidently here, as in all branches, experience counts, and the appointment of a permanent secretary with a small salary gives the best results.

The reports disclose the satisfactory information that another sound business principle is being observed by the Craft inasmuch as the Lodges, almost universally, are placing fire insurance on their properties. This inexpensive precaution against calamitous losses is recommended to the few Lodges still neglecting a plain duty.

The Board once again calls attention to the large number of members in arrears for dues, and the serious amount outstanding. The Board has so frequently directed attention to this matter and pointed out the proper courses to be pursued, which are those of charity and commonsense, that it is hard to understand why the evil is allowed to continue. If a brother is unable to pay, your Board once more gives expression to its opinion that his dues ought to be remitted, instead of being allowed to pile up to his despair and to the discredit of his brethren. If a brother can pay but will not,

then, he is imposing on the generosity of his brethren, is absolutely dishonest and ought to be dealt with as the constitution provides.

District Deputy Grand Masters are again invited to give this matter attention when visiting Lodges.

The Board again regrets that so few Lodges of Instruction have been held. Attention was called to this question last year and the holding of these Lodges in every district was recommended. Last year they were held in seven Districts only; this year they were held in only four or five Districts, a worse showing than that of last year. This ought not to be, the good work now prevailing, is the outcome of the holding of such Lodges. It is to be hoped that next year greater efforts will be made to carry out the expressed opinion of Grand Lodge. The instruction is of great importance, not only so, but the intermingling of the brethren of different Lodges has a pleasant effect, promotes new friendships and cements old ones. There need be no expense to the Lodge under whose warrant the instruction is held, as it is not called upon to entertain.

There are only one or two Lodges classed as weak in the whole jurisdiction, and having regard to the present activity and strength of Lodges classed as weak in past years, the Board does not think any uneasiness need be felt.

The board is pleased to report that in nearly every district Lodges have attended Divine service as Masons. This is to be commended, because in addition to expressing the strong religious character of our institution, we testify our gratitude to God for all His goodness and evidence the broad spirit of religious toleration among us, composed as we are of adherents of different sects.

The Board notes with regret that only in a few instances were lectures or addresses given in Lodges upon matters of interest or importance.

The Board rejoices at the close adherence to their constitutional powers observed by the D. D. G. M.'s. The Board observes that some D. D. G. M.'s have felt called upon to issue dispensations to attend Masonic funerals and have charged a fee therefor. There is no necessity for a dispensation in such a case and no fee should be collected.

The Craft has always enjoyed a high reputation owing to the good conduct of its members, their respect for the law and observance of those principles on which our reputation rests. Apropos of this, the Board last year congratulated Grand Lodge upon the fact that only five of its members had been suspended for un-Masonic conduct. In this jubilee year of Grand Lodge it is pleasing to record that out of over thirty-five thousand Masons only three have been suspended and none expelled.

The Boards has read in the reports of the D. D. G. M.'s the strong efforts they have made to create an interest in and to encourage the members of the Craft to subscribe to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The Board regrets that the response, satisfactory in some respects, was not more universal and larger in amount. The committee having this matter in

charge will no doubt place the facts before Grand Lodge and all particulars.

The general Benevolence of this Grand Lodge, and the private Lodges has always been creditable in proportion to our means. We do not profess to be a charitable organization, no member can claim as a matter of right, monetary assistance. Grand Lodge could at the outset have pursued an extravagant course and spent its income on objects not charitable. To its honor and credit, be it said it has exercised economy and used the money saved for the relief of the suffering and distressed, and as it has been in Grand Lodge so has it been in the private Lodges.

In this Semi-Centennial year the Board thinks it proper to record briefly the figures of the benevolence of the Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada. In the first decade our income was \$37,569 and our benevolence was \$1,687. In the second decade our income was \$109,361 and our benevolence was \$35,192. In the third decade our income was \$155,670 and our benevolence was \$86,771. In the fourth decade our income was \$184,427 and our benevolence was \$94,432. In the fifth decade just closed, our income was \$243,000, and our benevolence was \$114,163. So that in our fifty years we have received \$730,111, \$326,000 of which we have expended in benevolence, and we have \$116,000 cash on hand.

In addition the Private Lodges have contributed \$25,000 to charities of various kinds, and a sum of about \$20,000 to the Sick Children's hospital. Most satisfactory of all, we find our benevolence this year from Grand Lodge is \$14,000, and from private Lodges in all \$4,250, an amount in all of \$18,252. This does not include Semi-Centennial subscriptions. These grants must be considered satisfactory, especially when it is remembered we are now trying to extend the good work by raising \$100,000 so that we may increase our assistance to those who are in sorrow and sickness. Though we do not claim to exist for the dispensing of charity it cannot be said of us that we have seen our brother in want and have shut up our bowels of compassion. As it has been in the past, so let it continue in the future more abundantly, that it may be seen that the loved God does dwell in us. We have about finished the first fifty years of our record. Metaphorically speaking, the sun is setting on this long day of our existence, the west is full of gorgeous colors for it has been, taking it all in all, a beautiful Masonic day. It has been bright with charity and brotherly love. The sunshine of association has ripened the fields with a crop of friendship that has made life better worth the living. The gentle dew of charity has fallen on the peace beneath. The soft breezes of sympathy have brought consolation to some who were scorched by the siroccos of calamity and misfortune. It is true we have not accomplished all we hoped for and desired, but under the providence of God's goodness we have not diminished the reputation of our world wide institution by selfishness or neglect, but according to our lights and to the extent of our means we have been our brother's keeper.

Fraternally submitted.

AUBREY WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. James C. Hegler, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

REPORT.

In the matter of Lebannon Lodge, No. 133,
A. F. & A. M.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report that it appears that this lodge has violated the Constitution by conferring the third degree upon Bro. Henry John Stephens within the time prescribed by the Constitution without having procured a dispensation therefor. Believing that this was done through an oversight, the Board recommend that the Worshipful Master be censured for permitting the violation of the Constitution and that a certificate be issued to Bro. Stephens.

J. C. HEGLER,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. James C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF GRAND LODGE.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. William Gibson, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

REPORT.

Your Committee appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master, in connection with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of this Grand Lodge, beg to submit the following report:

The Committee met in the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, and decided that instead of issuing a memorial volume, a full report of the Semi-Centennial celebration should be printed in the annual proceedings, and that a stenographer should be engaged for that purpose.

It was also decided that short historical addresses should be delivered on the first day of the meeting of Grand Lodge, and that M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson and J. Ross Robertson be requested to deliver the said addresses.

It was further agreed that the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, the Grand Masters of all the Canadian Grand Lodges, as also the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Michigan, Ohio, Maine, New York and Vermont should be invited to be present at the celebration, and that the hotel bills of the above named guests be paid while in Hamilton.

It was also recommended that the Grand Master and the officers of Grand Lodge give a reception to the members of Grand Lodge, the brethren and their ladies, in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening, 19th inst.

Your Committee decided that a medal should be struck by Lodge in commemoration of the Semi-Centennial year, it being distinctly understood that only those duly accredited and registered in Grand Lodge should receive them, and that the guests of Grand Lodge be given a medal by the Grand Secretary.

All expenses in connection with aforesaid recommendations be paid by Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. GIBSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. William Gibson, and

Resolved, That the report on the Semi-Centennial Celebration of Grand Lodge be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray:

REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Master to carry out the unanimously expressed desire of Grand Lodge that a fund to be denominated "The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund," should be raised by the Craft to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Grand Lodge, begs leave to report as follows:

The first meeting was held in the city of Toronto for purposes of organization, at which meeting M. W. Bro. Harding was elected chairman and M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray secretary.

After a full discussion it was determined to divide the territory into convenient sections and to place the work in charge of active and prominent members of the Craft in each such section, the intention being that the brother in charge of each section should have a general supervision upon the D. D. G. M's and the lodges, thus taking active and immediate steps to collect the largest sum possible. Then each D. D. G. M. was required to take charge of the work in his district, and urge upon each lodge, as he visited it, the carrying out of the desire of Grand Lodge. Then circulars were drafted and distributed to the D. D. G. M's, explaining the objects for which the fund was being raised, so that he might be informed in detail and be armed with full information for those applying to him. Each D. D. G. M. was required to strike a committee of active brethren to press the matter upon their lodges. Subsequently circulars were printed and distributed to the members of each lodge, pointing out that the desire was to mark the Semi-Centennial by some great charitable act, which should be pleasing to Almighty God and redound to the credit of the Craft. Having thus prepared the way, the work was entered upon. Interim reports were required from D. D. G. M's as to the progress of this work and what further steps could be taken to bring the matter to a successful conclusion. As Grand Lodge is aware, the aim was to raise the sum of \$100,000 in a period of three years by voluntary subscription. The results of the first year are now ascertained, from which it is found that there is now on hand the sum of \$21,361.00, which is only \$8,639.00 short of what the committee had hoped to collect in the first year. While the response has not been equal to our expectations, it is satisfactory, because a great deal of educational work has to be done in carrying out such a scheme, everyone desiring full details before subscribing to a fund of this character. One very satisfactory thing is that so many lodges have taken the matter to heart and subscribed according to their means. Your committee feels sure that Grand Lodge will desire that this good work shall be continued.

The names of the subscribers in each district, together with the amounts subscribed by them, will be published in the report of the annual communication of the present year.

In asking to be discharged, in order that the incoming Grand Master may be in a position to select more able and energetic brethren, your committee begs leave to assure Grand Lodge that their hearts have been in this work, and they are ready to aid and support any new committee appointed by the Grand Master to carry forward this noble work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. HARDING,

HUGH MURRAY,

Chairman.

Secretary.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the report as read be adopted.

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report of the Grand Secretary on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund:

REPORT.

No.	Name of Lodge.	P.O. Address.	Am unt
2	Niagara	Niagara	\$20 00
3	Ancient St. John's.	Kingston	215 00
5	Sussex	Brockville.	192 50
6	Barton	Hamilton.. . . .	420 00
9	Union.. . . .	Napanee	27 50
11	Moir.. . . .	Belleville.. . . .	11 12
14	True Britons	Perth	10 00
15	St. George's.	St. Catharines	20 00
17	St. John's.	Cobourg	6 00
18	King Edward	Picton.. . . .	126 00
20	St. John's	London.	25 00
21a	St. John's.. . . .	Vankleek Hill	50 00
22	King Solomon's.	Toronto	185 50
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	41 75
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	155 00
25	Ionic.. . . .	Toronto	1136 59
26	Ontario	Port Hope.	76 50
27	Strict Observance.. . . .	Hamilton.	401 00
30	Composite	Whitby.	50 00
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville.	207 00
32	Amity.	Dunnville	20 00
33	Maitland.	Goderich	82 14
34	Thistle	Amherstburg.	1 00
35	St. John's.	Cayuga.	40 00
38	Trent.. . . .	Trenton	63 00
39	Mount Zion.. . . .	Brooklin	12 00
40	St. John's	Hamilton.. . . .	2 00
41	St. George's.. . . .	Kingsville.	29 00
42	St. George's.. . . .	London	46 50
44	St. Thomas.. . . .	St. Thomas	152 00
47	Great Western.. . . .	Windsor	2 00
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa.	156 00
54	Vaughan.	Maple	21 00
56	Victoria.. . . .	Sarnia.. . . .	185 50
57	Harmony.	Binbrook.. . . .	23 00
58	Doric.. . . .	Ottawa.	345 00
61	Acacia.	Hamilton.. . . .	300 00
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia.	24 00
63	St. John's	Carleton Place	236 00
64	Kilwinning.. . . .	London.	44 00
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	14 00
66	Durham.. . . .	Newcastle.	19 00
68	St. John's	Ingersoll.	9 00
69	Stirling	Stirling	10 00
74	St. James	Bethel	53 00

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75	St. John's	Toronto	51 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	12 00
77	Faithful Brethren.. .. .	Lindsay	234 00
82	St. John's	Paris	32 00
83	Beaver	Strathroy.. .. .	75 00
86	Wilson	Toronto	220 00
87	Markham Union	Markham.. .. .	57 00
88	St. George's.. .. .	Owen Sound.. .. .	36 00
91	Colborne.. .. .	Colborne	100 00
92	Cataragui	Kingston.. .. .	163 00
93	Northern Light.	Kincardine.	162 00
94	St. Mark's	Port Stanley.. .. .	32 00
96	Corinthian	Barrie.. .. .	152 00
97	Sharon.	Sharon.. .. .	58 00
100	Valley	Dundas.	114 50
101	Corinthian	Peterborough.	210 00
103	Maple Leaf.. .. .	St. Catharines	20 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	77 00
108	Blenheim.	Princeton.. .. .	38 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith.	44 00
110	Central	Prescott	147 00
113	Wilson	Waterford.	177 00
114	Hope.. .. .	Port Hope.. .. .	31 00
115	Ivy.	Beamsville	57 75
116	Cassia.	Thedford	10 00
118	Union.	Schomberg	15 00
119	Maple Leaf.. .. .	Bath.	74 00
120	Warren	Fingal	13 00
122	Renfrew.. .. .	Renfrew	133 00
125	Cornwall.. .. .	Cornwall	89 00
127	Franck	Frankford.	52 00
128	Pembroke	Pembroke.. .. .	363 00
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton.	26 00
133	Lebanon Forest.	Exeter.	70 00
136	Richardson.. .. .	Stouffville.	15 00
137	Pythagoras.. .. .	Meaford	31 00
139	Lebanon.. .. .	Oshawa	94 00
140	Malahide.	Aylmer	138 00
141	Tudor.	Mitchell	45 00
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh.. .. .	3 00
147	Mississippi.. .. .	Almonte	88 00
148	Civil Service	Ottawa.	178 00
149	Erie	Port Dover	17 00
151	Grand River.	Berlin	60 00
155	Peterborough	Peterborough.	277 00
156	York.. .. .	North Toronto	119 00
157	Simpson.. .. .	Newboro	12 00
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	42 50
159	Goodwood	Richmond.	51 00
164	Star in the East	Wellington	26 00
165	Burlington	Burlington	86 00
166	Wentworth.. .. .	Stoney Creek.	15 00
168	Merritt	Welland	68 00
169	Macnab	Port Colborne	174 00
170	Britannia.	Seaforth	15 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	P.O. Address.	Amount
172	Ayr	Ayr	14 00
177	The Builders	Ottawa	115 00
180	Speed	Guelph	57 00
192	Orillia	Orillia	130 00
193	Scotland	Scotland	14 00
195	Tuscan	London	45 00
197	Saugeen	Walkerton	64 00
200	St. Albans	Mount Forest	21 00
201	Leeds	Gananoque	174 00
203	Irvine	Elora	21 00
209a	St. John's	London	167 00
212	Elysian	Garden Island	16 00
216	Harris	Orangeville	135 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	1 00
218	Stevenson	Toronto	77 00
219	Credit	Georgetown	76 00
222	Marmora	Marmora	50 00
223	Norwood	Norwood	117 00
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	39 00
230	Kerr	Barrie	21 00
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	197 00
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	52 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	50 00
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	10 00
247	Ashlar	Toronto	800 00
249	Caledonian	Midland	121 50
253	Minden	Kingston	85 00
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	22 70
255	Sydenham	Dresden	10 00
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	14 00
257	Galt	Galt	55 00
258	Guelph	Guelph	86 00
259	Springfield	Springfield	60 00
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	14 00
262	Harriston	Harriston	17 00
263	Forest	Forest	61 00
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	104 00
265	Patterson	Thornhill	25 00
271	Wellington	Erin	21 00
274	Kent	Blenheim	1 00
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	7 00
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	15 00
279	New Hope	Hespeler	39 00
283	Eureka	Belleville	3 00
286	Wingham	Wingham	156 00
285	Seven Star	Alliston	46 00
290	Leamington	Leamington	64 85
291	Dufferin	West Flamboro	20 00
292	Robertson	King	10 00
294	Moore	Courtright	28 00
295	Conestogo	Drayton	35 00
296	Temple	St. Catharines	4 00
297	Preston	Preston	72 00
304	Minerva	Stroud	39 00
305	Humber	Weston	1 00

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306	Durham	Durham	44 00
312	Pnyx	Willaceburg	61 00
313	Clementi.	Lakefield	52 00
314	Blair	Palmerston	31 00
318	Wilmot	Baden	26 00
320	Chesterville.. . . .	Chesterville	32 00
323	Alvinston.	Alvinston.	44 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	5 00
325	Orono.	Orono	99 00
326	Zetland	Toronto	1200 00
329	King Solomon's	Jarvis	10 00
330	Corinthian	London.	71 00
331	Fordwich.	Fordwich.	28 00
332	Stratford.	Stratford.	82 00
333	Prince Arthur.. . . .	Flesherton	108 00
334	Prince Arthur.. . . .	Arthur.. . . .	19 00
336	Highgate.. . . .	Highgate	1 00
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	7 00
343	Georgina.	Toronto	202 85
344	Merrill	Dorchester	34 00
345	Nilestown	Nilestown.	14 00
346	Occident.. . . .	Toronto	108 05
347	Mercer	Fergus.. . . .	25 00
348	Georgian.. . . .	Penetanguishene.	80 00
352	Granite	Parry Sound.. . . .	101 00
357	Waterdown.. . . .	Millgrove.	33 00
359	Vittoria	Vittoria.	30 00
361	Waverley.	Guelph.	200 00
362	Maple Leaf	Tara.	26 00
364	Dufferin.. . . .	Melbourne.	12 00
367	St. George	Toronto	155 00
368	Salem.	Brockville.	35 00
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa.	63 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	102 00
373	Copestone	Welland	73 00
374	Keene.	Keene	25 00
376	Unity.. . . .	Huntsville.	34 00
378	King Solomon's.	London West.	29 00
380	Union.. . . .	London.	46 00
382	Doric.. . . .	Hamilton	335 50
384	Alpha.	Toronto	115 60
385	Spry	Beeton.	32 00
386	McColl	West Lorne	2 00
387	Lansdowne.. . . .	Lansdowne	14 00
389	Crystal Fountain.. . . .	N. Augusta	51 00
392	Huron.	Camlachie.	20 00
393	Forest.	Chesley	35 00
395	Parvaim.. . . .	Comber.	9 00
396	Cedar.	Warton	128 00
398	Victoria.. . . .	Kirkfield	30 00
400	Oakville.. . . .	Oakville	129 00
401	Craig.	Deseronto.. . . .	12 00
402	Central	Essex	1 00
404	Lorne.	Tamworth.	93 00
405	Mattawa.	Mattawa	78 00

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No.	Name of Lodge.	P.O. Address.	Amount
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls.	54 00
408	Murray	Beaverton.	23 00
409	Golden Rule.	Campbellford.	32 00
410	Zeta	Toronto	101 20
412	Keystone.	Sault Ste. Marie.	179 00
413	Naphtali.	Tilbury.	1 00
414	Pequonga	Kenora.	30 00
415	Fort William	Fort William.	53 00
417	Keewatin.	Keewatin.	42 00
420	Nipissing.	North Bay.	103 00
421	Scott.	Grand Valley.	135 00
423	Strong	Sundridge.	39 00
427	Nickel.	Sudbury	227 00
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin.	26 00
430	Acacia.	East Toronto.	52 25
432	Hanover.	Hanover	56 00
433	Bonnechere.	Eganville.	81 00
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	17 00
437	Tuscan	Sarnia.	47 00
440	Arcadia	Minden.	84 50
441	Westport.	Westport	20 00
443	Powassen.	Powassen.	26 00
446	Granite	Fort Frances.	130 25
447	Sturgeon Falls.	Sturgeon Falls	17 00
448	Xenophon	Wheatley	9 00
449	Dundalk.	Dundalk	33 00
450	Hawkesbury.	Hawkesbury.	18 00
451	Somerville	Kinmount.	56 00
452	Avonmore	Avonmore.	20 00
454	Corona	Burk's Falls.	65 00
453	Royal.	Fort William.	98 00
455	Doric.	Little Current	134 00
456	Elma.	Monkton	41 00
458	Wales.	Wales	138 00
459	Cobden	Cobden.	26 00
460	Rideau.	Seeley's Bay	20 00
461	Ionic	Rainy River	50 00
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	4 00
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	38 00
464	King Edward	Sunderland	17 00
465	Carleton.	Carp.	25 00
466	Coronation	Elmvale	19 00
	U.D. Tottenham.	Tottenham.	15 00
	U.D. King Edward VII.	Chippewa.	23 00
	Interest		285 89
	Dividends		7 00
	Individual subscriptions		32 50

Fraternally submitted. \$20,848 99

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Secretary.

Certified and found correct.

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman Audit and Finance.

July 17, 1905.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The following additional subscriptions have been received up to the date of the meeting of Grand Lodge :

No.	Name of Lodge.	P.O. Address.	Amount
7	Union.	Grimsby	33 00
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	4 00
35	St. John's.	Cayuga.	20 00
55	Merrickville.	Merrickville.	40 00
77	Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay	55 00
120	Warren	Fingal	9 00
121	Doric.	Brantford.	178 50
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook.	48 00
161	Percy.	Warkworth	20 00
174	Walsingham.	Port Rowan	22 00
205	New Dominion.	New Hamburg	31 00
261	Oak Branch.	Innerkip	16 00
314	Blair.	Palmerston	20 00
316	Doric.	Toronto	85 00
386	McColl	West Lorne	16 25
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls.	45 00
408	Murray	Beaverton.	21 00
414	Pequonga	Kenora.	16 90
417	Keewatin.	Keewatin Mills.	18 00
459	Cobden	Cobden.	30 00
468	Peel	Caledon East.	8 50

Personal subscription from our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, James Grierson, Esq. (2£). 9 73

Added to these cash subscriptions is a gift from W. A. Robinson, Esq., of the City of Hamilton, of 5 paid-up shares of the Masonic Hall Association, value 100 00

\$21,695 87

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Secretary.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved that the report of the Grand Secretary on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund be received.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report of the Grand Treasurer on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund :

REPORT.

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, 20th July, 1905. To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

I herewith submit a statement of receipts on account of the

Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund for the year ending 15th day of July, 1905 :

The balance at the credit of the account account in the Canadian Bank of Com- merce on the 31st day of May, 1904, was	\$2,420 11	
Together with bank interest thereon.. ..	18 56	
		\$2,438 67
From the Grand Secretary, collection from 31st May, 1904, to and inclusive of 15th July, 1905.. .. .		18,104 22
Interest on investments and bank interest	263 10	
Less accrued interest on purchase of debentures, City of Toronto..	\$84 47	
City of Woodstock.	54 65	
		139 12
		123 98
Discount on City of Toronto Debenture, \$5,000 paid for \$4,830.50.	169 50	
		293 48
Deduct premium on purchase of City of Woodstock $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. debenture, \$4,000 paid for \$4,240.	240 00	
		53 48
		\$20,596 37

Balance Sheet, July 15, 1905.

City of Toronto debenture to pay 4 per cent.	\$5,000 00
City of Woodstock debenture to pay 4.05 per cent. . .	4,000 00
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce on 15th July, 1905.	11,596 37
	\$20,596 37

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

July 15th, 1905.

Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Treasurer on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICES.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Special Committee :

REPORT.

The Board, through its special committee, in the matter of new offices for the Grand Secretary begs to report :

1. That new offices for the Grand Secretary and Grand Master have been secured from The Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, on Gore street, near the corner of James street ; that the offices are on the ground floor and very suitable, with large dry cellar underneath, which can be used for storing papers, documents, and the records of Grand Lodge. The lease is for a period of five years, dated 1st January, 1905, at a rental of \$460.00 per annum, with the right to renew for a further period of five years at the same rental. As the building was not ready for occupation until the 1st of April the rent began on that date. On reference to the report of the sub-committee presented to Grand Lodge last year, the rent was to be \$250.00 per annum, in addition to 7 per cent. on the expenditure for improvements. These actually amounted to \$3,400, but the association charges the per centage on \$3,000, which makes up the \$460.00.

2. The rooms have been furnished in a suitable manner and are now a credit to Grand Lodge. The estimate for this purpose was \$2,000, of which sum \$1,704.40 have been expended, and, with the necessary furnishings still to be provided, will not exceed the estimate.

3. It is recommended that the sub-committee be continued for another year until the furnishings be completed.

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report as read be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt presented the report on Foreign Correspondence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the report on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an appendix to proceedings of 1905.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on "The Fraternal Dead," beg to report as follows :

They are sorry to note that many of the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges have failed to report to the D.D.G.M.'s the deaths occurring in their respective districts, and that in consequence the R.W. Brethren have been unable to give the names of deceased brethren to your Committee for enrollment in this report. Your Committee feel deep regret that therefore they are not able to pay to these brethren even the poor tribute of assuring their friends that we are not unmindful of long and often valuable services rendered to the craft.

M.W. Bro. Kivas Tully, Honorary P.G.M., a member of Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto, of which lodge he was W. M. for the years 1857, 1858 and 1859, whose long service, no less than his great ability and modesty, endeared him to the whole craft.

Seven R.W. Brethren have been lost to the roll of Grand Lodge, which will miss their genial presence and earnest work for the good of masonry.

R.W. Bro. John Kerr, P.D.D.G.M., of Frontenac District, a member of Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston.

R.W. Bro. Oliver Bascom, P.D.D.G.M., St. Lawrence District, a member of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kempville.

R.W. Bro. John Simpson, P.G.J.W., a member of King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London.

R.W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh, P.G.S.W., a member of Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto.

R.W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, P.G.S.W., a member of Tuscan Lodge, No. 165, London.

R.W. Bro. Geo. C. Patterson, Hon. P.G. Registrar, a member of Wilson Lodge, No. 86, his mother lodge, also a member of Zetland, Rehoboam and Harmony Lodges, Toronto.

R.W. Bro. Thos. Ridout, P.D.D.G.M. of Ontario District, a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto.

R.W. Bro. A. E. Harvey, P.D.D.G.M. of St. Clair District, a member of Burns' Lodge No. 53.

R.W. Bro. Hon. Jas. Sutherland, P.G.S.W., a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock.

V.W. Bro. A. B. Cordingly, G. Standard Bearer, of Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto.

V.W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, P.G.S.D., of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto.

V.W. Bro. George Middleditch, P.G. Steward. Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown.

V.W. Bro. W. W. Brand, Amity Lodge, No. 22, Dunnville.

V.W. Bro. W. G. S. Reynolds, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa.

V.W. Bro. W. A. Chamberlain, Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet.

The roll too of members of Grand Lodge is sadly large, comprising such good and true Masons as :

W. Bro. J. G. Robinson, of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, of Toronto.

" Geo. H. Wright, Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon.

" Jas. McCloskey, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora.

" W. J. Cameron, Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto.

" D. J. Kelly, Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto.

" Hugh Wilson, Brock Lodge, No. 354.

- W. Bro. J. G. McIntyre, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford.
 " J. McK. Stewart, Northern Light, No. 93, Kincardine.
 " W. A. Ferguson, Fredenett, No. 217, Delhi.
 " Dr. Daird Thompson, St. Johns, Cayuga.
 " Jno. A. Marquis, Maple Leaf, No. 103, St. Catharines.
 " Geo. Collins, St. Marks, No. 105, Niagara Falls, S.
 " W. H. Ball, Myrtle, No. 337, Port Robinson.
 " D. H. Watt, Rehoboan, No. 65, Toronto.
 " Robert Shillson, Mississippi, No. 147, Almonte.
 " David Scott.
 " George Richman, Madawaska, No. 196, Arnprior.
 " Andrew Miscampbell, Kerr, No. 230, Barrie.
 " Jas. Walker Quinlan, Ontario, No. 26.
 " Major Villers Sankey, Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto.
 " Jas. F. McClure, Barton Lodge No. 6, Hamilton.
 " Dr. David Thompson, St. John's Lodge No. 35, Cayuga.
 " John A. Gillies, McColl Lodge No. 386, West Lorne.
 " Hugh Ruthven, St. George Lodge No. 41, Kingsville.
 " J. C. Campbell, Lorne Lodge No. 282, Glencoe.
 " Jas. C. Guillot, Windsor Lodge No. 403, Windsor.
 " W. Bro. John Duck, Howard Lodge No. 391, Ridgetown.
 " Robt. Riddell, Wellington Lodge No. 46, Chatham.
 " John R. Parke, Thistle Lodge No. 31, Amherstburg.
 " Charles Brown, Rodney Lodge No. 411, Rodney.
 " H. W. Moekler, Durham Lodge No. 306, Durham.
 " John D. Watson, Scott Lodge No. 421, Grand Valley.
 " J. R. Hea, Scott Lodge No. 421, Grand Valley.

Sister Grand Lodges have suffered from the loss of these distinguished brethren :

- M.W. Bro. Almon R. Dewey, P.G.M. of the G.L., of Iowa.
 " " Ozro Meacham, " " " of Vermont.
 " " Oliver Libbey, " " " of Wisconsin.
 " " Albert Wells Coe, " " " of S. Dakota.
 " " Trenmor Coffin, " " " of Nevada.
 " " Geo. S. Green, " " " of Kansas.
 " " Armel Kiester, " " " of Minnesota.
 " " Jas. B. Anthony, " " " of New York.
 " " Emmons Elij. Chapin " " " of Wisconsin.

And coming nearer home M.W. Bro. Rev. David Christmas Moore, P.G.M. of the G.L., of Nova Scotia.

To the relatives and friends of the deceased brethren we offer this expression of our hearty sympathy, and pray that to them the comforting thought may be ever present that they can look backward to the useful lives which their lost ones have led, and forward to a blessed re-union in a land where parting and sorrow have no place.

" The silver cord is loosed—
 The wheel of life and golden bowl are broken,
 The sunny days return no more ;
 There comes through every avenue the token
 That death is knocking at the door."

And we are sadly reminded of his inexorable summons now that another roll-call is here with us, another meeting fraught with mingled pleasure and pain, where the roses of the banquet to the living are twined with the cypress of the mourner for the dead, a time

when the smile and the unshed tear are very close, and when the happiness of the friendly meeting is saddened by the remembrance of those whom we shall see no more this side the grave.

The great leveler has indeed, as ever, been impartial in his choice of victims; the young man rejoicing in the days of his youth, the brother grown to the full stature of a stalwart and perfect manhood, and the aged man have impartially been called, and have, perforce, obeyed the summons. Yet, the returns show that a greater number of old masons than usual, old alike and in the service of the craft, have been summoned to give an account of their stewardship, to carry their finished life-work to be tried by God's unerring standard of right and wrong.

But if Death has selected his victims from every age, he has been cruelly busy among those to whom the ever lengthening shadows from the west speak eloquently of the closing day of human life and the twilight of the grave. He has

“ Reaped the bearded grain at a breath.”

Golden and brown for the harvest, it has been gathered; the mellow, ripened fruit has been plucked; and it has been, chiefly, the leaves which have filled out their allotted time of serve and have grown sere and yellow that have been loosened from their parent stems and have dropped silently to mingle once more with mother earth whence first they sprang.

Then, too, this celebration of our semi-centennial of Freemasonry must call up recollections of the many eminent Masons who worked zealously and well during the long summer of their manhood, and at the last laid down alike their honours and their burdens in order to pass through the gate of death to the happy home that lies beyond for those who are numbered among the faithful and obedient of our race.

And indeed a glance round the members of Grand Lodge, particularly in the Grand East, will show us how many there are to whom this “happy recurrence of these auspicious solemnities” can come but a few times more ere they too are

“ But as shadows on this earth,
And their memory a dream.”

These things naturally suggest a few thoughts on the old Mason, with the lesson of encouragement or warning which his life and death should ever teach. Masonry should be, and indeed—if it fail not utterly in its end and intention—MUST ever be equally an incentive and an aid to a better life. It IS not, it CANNOT BE, a substitute for religion, it makes no such preposterous claim, but it does assist to higher ideals of life. It makes for a purer body, a wider outlook, a clearer mind, a loftier purpose, a truer manhood, a more unselfish life, and, therefore, a nobler and a happier death. If it does not help to these things, it is a mere sham, a sounding brass, a tinkling cymbal, and can but increase the punishment of him who must give account even of this talent which he has buried under the mean and sordid earth of his selfish ends and his dishonored life.

From such a picture, infinitely saddening, we can turn with pleasure to consider him who has “lived well his life” and now has entered into the pure refreshment and the eternal rest of his Father's home.

To such an one the period of old age has ample compensations. This generation is wrong at least in one thing. If old age has its

weakness, it has, too, its own glories and its peculiar strength. How slight a thing, comparatively, it is to the faithful and true old Mason, that the almond tree for him should flourish and bloom snow-white, that the grasshopper should be a burden, and that even his every desire should fail.

What reck's he if one by one his bodily senses are dulled and finally lost. If the Keepers of his house shall tremble, his trust stands firm; if his strong men bow themselves, his unconquerable soul stands erect and closer to God, its source, in the purer atmosphere of the better life so near; if those that look out of his windows be darkened, the horizon of his inner sight is wider and his vision clearer; and if the doors be shut in the streets and all his daughters of music be laid low, his ears grow more and more attuned to catch the exquisite harmonies in the hymn of praise which everywhere nature unceasingly sings to Him whose hands have fashioned all.

Yes! Years may come and go, seasons may change, friends may fail or pass into the great unknown, but through it all the Star of Faith shines clear and radiant; the Anchor of Hope holds fast amid the stress and storms of Life, and, at the last, when to the outside world all may seem darkest, when the silver cord is near its loosening and the golden bowl must soon be broken, then, although the "poor vile dust" may return to the earth as it was, the spirit, the man himself, unconquerable and triumphant over all earth's weaknesses and ills, returns at last in safety and peace to the God of Love who gave it.

I.

To the past go more dead faces,
Every day,
As the loved leave vacant places,
Every day ;
Everywhere the sad eyed greet us,
At the evening's dusk they greet us,
And to go to them entreat us,
Every day.

II.

"You are growing old," they tell us,
 Every day,
 "You are more alone," they tell us,
 Every day ;
 "You can win no more affection,
 "You have only recollection,
 "Deeper sorrow and dejection,
 Every day.'

III.

Its true life's sands are sifting,
Every day.
And our barks are seaward drifting;
Every day;
Old places, changing, fret us,
And the living more forget us,
There are fewer to regret us,
Every day.

IV.

But the truer life draws nigher,
 Every day,
 And its morning star climbs higher,
 Every day;
 Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
 And its heavy burdens lighter,
 And the dawn immortal brighter,
 Every day.

To each one of us may this dawn grow ever fuller and more radiant until it is merged at last into the cloudless glories of the everlasting day.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. MORGAN,
 Chairman Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, and

Resolved, That the report on the Fraternal Dead be adopted.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, the 20th July, at 11 o'clock a. m.

GRAND MASTER HONORED.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the officers and members of Grand Lodge, accompanied by their lady friends, attended a grand concert in the Armouries at which the Thirteenth Regiment Band, under the leadership of Bro. George Robinson, conductor, assisted by Mrs. Sander-son, rendered an excellent program.

The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers assembled in the west end of the hall and the band played them to the platform, where they took seats. Then the Past Masters formed up, and the band also played them to the platform. The entire assembly arose at the sound of the first notes of God Save the King, and remained standing while The Maple Leaf and Rule Britannia were played, the audience joining in the chorus of both.

R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, Chairman of the F. st Masters' Association, then read the following address to M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, and R. W. Bro. R. V. Mathews,

Secretary of the Association, handed the Grand Master a beautiful loving cup, suitably inscribed.

To Benjamin Allen, Grand Master Ancient and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother :

Your Masonic brethren of the city of Hamilton have for many years been impressed by your genial personality and the many excellent qualities which have gained you friends and admirers throughout the whole of the Dominion of Canada.

They are not insensible to the particular favor you have ever shown to your brethren in this city, so that they have come to look upon you almost as a citizen, while holding you in high esteem as a personal friend. During the past year they have observed with satisfaction the ability with which you have conducted the business affairs of the Grand Lodge as its chief executive head, the zeal and assiduity which have inspired you, and the uniform kindness and urbanity which have marked all your intercourse with your brethren. It is a matter for rejoicing and for profound gratitude that during your term of office our Order has greatly prospered, and that kindness and brotherly love have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. They regret exceedingly that the exigencies of business compell you to retire from office at the end of one year of service as Grand Master, and that you are unable to accept the reelection which the whole of the fraternity in this jurisdiction so earnestly desired you to accept.

As a slight mark of the affection the Past Masters of Hamilton feel for you personally, of the esteem in which they hold your abilities, and of the pride they have in you as the chief head and ruler of the craft, they ask you to accept this Loving Cup, trusting that the kindness and brotherly love which go with it may make it acceptable to you and cherished by you.

And they humbly and reverently pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may be graciously pleased to prolong your life and to make it happy and useful.

Signed on behalf of the Past Masters of the City of Hamilton:

R. W. BRO. JOHN HOODLESS,

President.

R. W. BRO. R. V. MATTHEWS,

Secretary.

R. W. BRO. FRED. WALTER,

Chairman of Committee.

Hamilton, July 19, 1905.

M. W. Bro. Allen, in reply, said:

My Dear Brother Hoodless, Worshipful Brethren, Past Masters of the City of Hamilton :

It is with a great feeling of diffidence and some feeling of pleasure that I accept this token of your esteem—diffidence, because I know how little I deserve all your kindness, and great

pleasure, because I know that you look upon me with warm friendship and consider me almost one of your own. Indeed, a few years ago a bet was made that I really was a citizen of Hamilton, and when asked why he thought so the bettor replied, "because he saw me here so frequently." But it is the same old story—where the heart is there the person loves to be, and I certainly love the Masonic brethren of Hamilton. How well I remember your kindness in years that are gone. I can never forget it, and I would not be grateful if I did not in some measure express my thankfulness. I quite approve of your action, too, although it places me in an embarrassing position to say, and I do so with diffidence, yet I believe we should show our regard for our brethren while they are here.

I esteem this token from the Past Masters very highly, and I congratulate you, sir, upon being president of such a body, because I know your association is always unanimous and hearty in what you do, and that you do a good work. I look upon Hamilton as the city in Canada where Masonry is most practically exemplified. I know you will take more pleasure in hearing your excellent band than in anything I can say, but I once more want to thank you for this token of your esteem. I do not require it, or anything, to remind me of your kindness, but I will have it by me in days to come and it will then carry me back to this happy time when I was Grand Master. I, too, regret that circumstances make it necessary for me to retire at the end of one year of office, but in the last twelve months I have not had more than an hour and a half a day to give to my business, and that is not fair to those who employ me. Gladly would I serve you another year, or three, four or five years more if you desired me, but I feel that I must retire, and in doing so it is a great pleasure to me to receive from you this mark of your regard. I shall always love your city and its people, and hope long to be numbered among your friends.

At the conclusion of the Grand Master's reply the following program was given:

Overture—"William Tell"	Rossini
Solo—"Carmena"	H. Lane Wilson
Mrs. E. J. Sanderson.	
Selection—"Anglo-American"	Yeabsley
Scene Espagnole—"Sevillana"	Elgar
Serenade—"Moonlight"	Neil Moret
Sketch—"Down South"	Myddleton
Songs—(a) "A Memory"	Park
(b) "Florian Song"	Godard
Mrs. E. J. Sanderson.	
March—"Call of the Wild"	Losey

GOD SAVE THE KING.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, 20TH JULY, A. D. 1905.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 11.15 o'clock a. m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, on the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

M. W. Bros. Hon. Wm. Gibson and R. T. Walkem introduced M. W. Bro. Hon. Senator Ellis, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Master, in acknowledging the introduction, said : M. W. Bro. Ellis, it is with great pleasure that I receive you as a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and I am very glad also to be able to call you a personal friend. (Grand honors were here accorded the distinguished visiting brother). M. W. Bro. W. R. White will extend to M. W. Bro. Ellis the greetings of this Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K. C.: Most Worshipful Sir and brethren: It affords us great pleasure upon the Semi-Centennial celebration of this Grand Lodge to welcome you, not only as a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, not only as the representative of our Grand Lodge, not only for the high position you have attained in our country, but we welcome you also for the personal qualities you possess. Those who have known you for years know that you have always been a good man and a good Mason. It is to be hoped that when you and I celebrate our centennial that the Grand Lodge of Canada will meet again in the City of Hamilton. (Laughter.) Your distinguished position in the government of the country is well known, and every member of this Grand Lodge extends to you a hearty and sincere welcome to our communication.

M. W. Bro. Ellis, in replying, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, officers and brethren of Grand Lodge, I thank you most heartily for the kind reception you have given me. M. W. Bro. White, in introducing me, made some reference to my mother Grand Lodge, but I may

say my mother Grand Lodge is the Grand Lodge of Canada I may further say that I am probably one of the oldest members of this Grand Lodge, for in 1856, when I was 21 years of age, I was admitted into the fraternity in Lodge of Social and Military Virtues (now known as Antiquity Lodge, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.) I am delighted to be able to attend this Semi-Centennial celebration and meet with the members of this Grand Lodge. I felt this morning when I came among you the companionship and the friendship of the brethren. As you stood and the light gleamed through the windows upon your uplifted hands it was a most beautiful sight to look at. I thank you very much indeed for the courtesy extended to me. The Grand Lodge of Canada is one of the best Grand Lodges on the continent and it is doing its work thoroughly. Applause.

The brethren then sang, led by Bro. J. S. Liddell, "The Maple Leaf."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson :

REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

The Sub-Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report as follows :

1. Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, vs. W. H. Morgan. Misappropriation of lodge funds. At the 48th annual communication, held in 1903, Grand Lodge found Bro. Morgan guilty of the said offence and ordered that he be summoned to appear at last year's meeting of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled. He was accordingly duly summoned and did not appear, but wrote asking for an extension of time for one year and his request was complied with. By registered letter, dated 12th May, 1905, addressed to "W. H. Morgan, 73 James street, Ottawa," he has been again summoned to appear on the 17th July, 1905, to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct, but he has not appeared or in any way communicated with the Grand Secretary, or any other officer of Grand Lodge, and as the offence of which he has been convicted merits expulsion, the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for the said offence.

2. Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgburg, vs. Bro. C. H. Hann. Forgery. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge Bro. Hann was found guilty by Grand Lodge of said offence, and it was ordered that he be summoned before this meeting of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled. By registered letter, dated 8th May, 1905, addressed to "C. H. Hann, Esq., Wanesville, N. Carolina," he has been summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for unma-sonic conduct. He has not appeared or communicated in any way with the Grand Secretary, or any other officer of Grand Lodge, and as the offence of which he has been convicted merits expulsion, the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

3. Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville, vs. Bro. W. C. Armstrong. Misappropriation of lodge funds while Secretary of the lodge for 1901. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge Bro. Armstrong was found guilty by Grand Lodge of said offence, and it was ordered that he be summoned before this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled. By registered letter, dated 10th May, 1905, addressed to "W. C. Armstrong, care of Mrs. W. C. Armstrong, St. Catharines, Ontario," he was notified to appear to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for unmasonic conduct. The said letter was returned on the 25th May marked "Not called for." The Grand Secretary certifies that on the 25th May, 1905, he communicated with Bro. Robert Pye, Secretary of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville, Ontario, asking for further information regarding the location of Bro. Armstrong, or a more definite address, but has been unable to secure any further information relative to the whereabouts of Bro. Armstrong. Bro. Armstrong has not appeared, or in any way communicated with the Grand Secretary, or any other officer of Grand Lodge, and as the offence of which he has been convicted merits expulsion, and everything appears to have been done according to the Constitution, that could be done to notify Bro. Armstrong to appear to show cause, the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for the said offence.

4. Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, vs. Bro. W. A. Black. Unmasonic conduct and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude and wronging Masons by fraud and misappropriating lodge funds to the extent of \$100.00. From a letter dated at Calabogie, 18th August, 1904, from Bro. Black to the W. M., officers and members of Franck lodge, it is quite clear that the charge of misappropriating lodge funds is admitted by Bro. Black, and as he has been regularly tried for said offence and found guilty by his lodge and sentenced to indefinite suspension, and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion, the Board recommend that Bro. Black be summoned to show cause at the next meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

5. Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, vs. Bro. Ransom H. Richmond. Unmasonic conduct involving moral turpitude. Bro. Richmond was tried for the offence with which he is charged and suspended by his lodge in 1903. He has not formally appealed from the judgment of his lodge, but has deputed Bro. H. S. Lewis, a member of Royal Lodge, No. 453,

Fort William, to appear before the Board of General Purposes and represent him, endeavoring to have him reinstated in order that he may be permitted to pay his dues and take out his dimit. Bro. Lewis has appeared before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and, after hearing his statement and request that the application be allowed to stand for a year, the Board recommend Grand Lodge to comply with his request, and that action on Bro. Richmond's case be deferred until the next annual meeting.

6. Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto, vs. Lachlan Truman Lockheed. Unmasonic conduct, desertion of wife and family and adultery. The evidence was taken by a committee of Georgina Lodge. The defendant was heard on his own behalf, and after all the evidence for the complainant, and also on behalf of Bro. Lockheed had been heard and considered, the charge was sustained, and at a regular meeting held on the 3rd September, 1904, Bro. Lockheed was unanimously suspended indefinitely and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion. No appeal has been made on his behalf. Your Board recommend that Bro. Lockheed be summoned to show cause at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

7. King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland, vs. Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry. Invasion of jurisdiction by initiating Bros. Black, McClung and Sinclair. On the 19th October, 1903, on the application of Joseph Thompson and others, a dispensation was granted to form a new lodge to be known as "King Edward Lodge." On the 23rd October, 1903, the dispensation was forwarded to R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, D. D. G. M., Toronto East District No. 11a, in whose Masonic jurisdiction the village of Sunderland was situated. On the 26th January, 1904, King Edward Lodge was opened by Bro. Nicholls. The applications of Bros. Black, McClung and Sinclair were received at the January, 1904, meeting of Fidelity Lodge and they were respectively initiated by Fidelity Lodge on the following dates: May, June and September, 1904. It is undisputed that the residence of Bros. Black, McClung and Sinclair is within what would be the territorial jurisdiction of King Edward Lodge. On the 5th May, 1905, King Edward Lodge protested against the initiation of these brethren by Fidelity Lodge and claimed that the initiation fees, amounting to \$60.00, should be paid over to King Edward Lodge by Fidelity Lodge. It is also allowed on behalf of King Edward Lodge, and not disputed by Fidelity Lodge, that Bro. Rose, a member of Fidelity Lodge, was, at the date of the applications of Bros. Black, McClung and Sinclair, fully cognizant of the fact that a dispensation had been granted to King Edward Lodge. All three brethren certify in writing that they were not aware of and had no knowledge of the existence of a duly authorized Masonic lodge at Sunderland, and were under the belief that in giving their respective applications they were doing so prior to the granting of the charter or dispensation to King Edward Lodge. Bros. Black and McClung further state in writing that Port Perry is more convenient for each of them to attend, and that had the conditions been such as would have necessitated their initiation at Sunderland, they would have withheld their

applications. In view of the positive assertion of prominent representatives of the district in which both these lodges are situated, that pending negotiations looking to a settlement of the question above referred to are certain to be successful, your Board recommend to Grand Lodge that action be deferred until our next annual communication.

8. St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton, vs. Bro. Smith Peter Morse. Unmasonic conduct and defrauding a brother Mason. The original complaint was laid by Bro. Robt. Coates, a member of St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, on the 4th May, 1835. The trial was proceeded with in the presence of Bro. Morse, and on the 3rd August, 1865, at the regular meeting of the Lodge, the charge was sustained and Bro. Morse was indefinitely suspended. On the 9th July, 1866, Bro. Morse appealed and his appeal was referred by M. W. Bro. Col. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master, for investigation, and report to R. W. Bro. James Seymour, D. D. G. M. of the Hamilton District. Bro. Seymour investigated the facts and on the 17th November, 1866, reported very strongly against Bro. Morse's appeal and concurred in the action of St. Clair Lodge. On the 29th November, 1866, his report was presented and approved by the M. W. Grand Master Wilson. Inasmuch as the amount of the loss sustained by Bro. Coates amounts only to \$180.00, and Bro. Seymour's report was deferred for one month in order to give Bro. Morse an opportunity to reimburse Bro. Coates for the financial loss so sustained, and as such reimbursement has not since been made, and St. Clair Lodge is opposed to Bro. Morse's reinstatement, the Board recommend that the application of Bro. Morse for reinstatement be not granted.

9. Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, vs. Archibald Campbell. Application of Pequonga Lodge for the reinstatement of Archibald Campbell, an expelled member. This is an application by Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, G. R. C., under their lodge seal, for the reinstatement of Archibald Campbell, a former member of that lodge, who was expelled on the 4th March, 1896, for unmasonic conduct. No evidence has been presented to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and, the offence having been of a serious nature, the Board recommend against complying with the request of Pequonga Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

(Signed) WM. DAVID McPHERSON,

Hamilton, 18th July, 1905.

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the report on Grievances and Appeals be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board to which was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master for consideration has the honor to report.

The address is so satisfactory that the Board find in it very little to call for any special suggestions from them.

It may be fitly described as the record of a very prosperous year in the history of Grand Lodge.

The lodge membership has increased, the income is in advance of that of any previous year, and the brethren have responded fairly well to the appeal made to them in behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

The short statement given by the M. W. the Grand Master of the origin of our Grand Lodge will, no doubt, be read with great interest by the members of the Craft. This statement has since been supplemented by an admirable address delivered yesterday by the Historian of Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, an address which can confidently be referred to by the brethren as not only an epitome of the history of this Grand Lodge but as an explanation of speculative Masonry. The Board are satisfied that there is no Grand Lodge which can boast of a more satisfactory record of progress and prosperity. The committee regard the arrangement made for the Semi-Centennial celebration as entirely satisfactory and hope that the programme adopted will be successfully carried out.

The Board concur in the Grand Master's expression of sorrow for the removal by death of many eminent brethren during the past year and in the tribute which he has paid to their labors on behalf of the Craft and the public generally.

The question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge formed in Queensland has been referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws, who, it is understood, will report at next session of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master refers in his address to the vote passed last year for the purchase of undress regalia. The Board recommends that the error to which the G. M. alludes be rectified and the full amount necessary for the purchase, \$62.10, with the duty be allowed. (See amendment expunging this clause.)

The Board concur in the remarks made by the M. W. the Grand Master with respect to the manner in which the officers of Grand Lodge have performed their duties, and they also desire to congratulate the Grand Master on his happy and successful administration of the affairs of the Craft during the past year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

RICHARD T. WALKEM,

Chairman of Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

Objection to portion of the report regarding the undress regalia was made by M. W. Bro. White, who moved in amendment, seconded by R. W. Bro. Henry Roe, and

Resolved, That the portion of the report relating to undress regalia be expunged, and the report as amended be adopted.

REVISED CONSTITUTION.

R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, embodying a draft of the proposed Constitution, as follows:

We, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in order to form perfect fraternal union, to establish order, to insure tranquility, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and to secure to the Fraternity in the Province of Ontario all the blessings of Masonic privileges, do order and establish this Constitution.

Style and Title of Grand Lodge.

1. The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, now existing, hereinafter referred to as Grand Lodge, shall continue to exist under the same name, style and title.

Composition of Grand Lodge.

2. Grand Lodge shall consist of its Grand Officers, its Past Grand Officers, the Past Masters (duly returned) and the Masters and Wardens (duly returned) of all Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register; provided, however, that no representative of any Lodge which has neglected to make its returns and payments to Grand Lodge for more than one year shall be permitted to vote at any session thereof, until such returns and payments respectively shall have been completed and made. (See Section 160.)

3. A Lodge may, by its vote properly certified by the Master and Secretary under seal, delegate any Past Master (duly returned) of the Lodge to represent it at any meeting of Grand Lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens. No proxy shall be valid unless it is passed in open Lodge, and the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge. The name of the delegate shall be sent to the Grand Secretary at least fourteen days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge. No brother can represent more than one Lodge.

4. Grand Lodge may on motion constitute any brother of eminence and ability who has rendered service to the Craft and who hails from a foreign jurisdiction an honorary member thereof, with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate, but not above that of Past Grand Junior Warden. The procedure on such motion shall be similar to that provided in Section 28.

Officers of Grand Lodge.

5. The officers of Grand Lodge shall be the following:
The Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master.
 The Right Worshipful the District Deputy Grand Masters
 (one for each district).
 The Right Worshipful the Grand Senior Warden.
 The Right Worshipful the Grand Junior Warden.
 The Right Worshipful the Grand Chaplain.
 The Right Worshipful the Grand Treasurer.
 The Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary.
 The Right Worshipful the Grand Registrar.
 The members of the Board of General Purposes.
 The Very Worshipful the Grand Senior Deacon.
 The Very Worshipful the Grand Junior Deacon.
 The Very Worshipful the Grand Superintendent of Works.
 The Very Worshipful the Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 The Very Worshipful the Assistant Grand Secretary.
 The Very Worshipful the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 The Very Worshipful the Grand Sword Bearer.
 The Very Worshipful the Grand Organist.
 The Very Worshipful the Assistant Grand Organist.
 The Very Worshipful the Grand Pursuivant.
 The Very Worshipful the Grand Stewards (12 in number).
 The Very Worshipful the Grand Standard Bearers (2 in number).
 The Grand Tyler.

Historian of Grand Lodge.

6. There shall be a Historian of Grand Lodge.

Committee on Credentials.

7. On the day preceding the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes shall appoint four or more Masters or Past Masters of Lodges as a Committee on Credentials.

8. This Committee shall cause to be registered the names of the brethren in attendance at the annual meeting who are qualified to vote, and the number of votes they are entitled to cast at the election of officers and the selection of the place for the next annual meeting.

9. The Committee shall deliver to each of such brethren the ballot papers to which he is entitled. Each Lodge shall be entitled to three votes. If the Master and Wardens of a Lodge be present each shall be entitled to one vote. If any one of them be absent his vote shall be given to the senior officer present. Each Past Master shall be entitled to one vote.

10. The registration books shall be closed at nine o'clock on the morning of the second day of the meeting, and the Committee shall immediately thereafter report to the Grand Master and shall furnish to the Chairman of the Scrutineers the names of the brethren who have registered and are qualified to vote.

Mode of Electing and Appointing the Officers of Grand Lodge.

11. The officers of Grand Lodge, except the members of the Board of General Purposes, shall be elected or appointed annually, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed and installed.

12. No brother shall be eligible for office until he has been regularly installed as Master of a Lodge.

13. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master shall be elected by ballot without nomination. The Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden, the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Registrar, and the members of the Board of General Purposes elected as such by Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot after nomination. A Historian of Grand Lodge shall be elected by open vote, and shall hold office during the pleasure of Grand Lodge. All other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

14. The place at which the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge is to be held shall be determined by ballot at the same time as the vote is taken for the election of officers. The place for which the largest number of votes is cast shall be regarded as the place selected.

15. Candidates who are eligible for any elective office requiring nomination may be nominated by any member of Grand Lodge.

16. Nominations for any elective office requiring nomination, for the Board of General Purposes, and for the place of holding the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge shall be in writing, and shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary before six o'clock in the evening of the first day of the meeting. The Grand Secretary shall cause a list of such nominations to be printed and distributed before the opening of Grand Lodge on the second day of the meeting.

17. No brother's name shall be submitted to ballot for more than one elective office. Any brother nominated for more than one elective office may withdraw his name from any of such nominations at any time before the vote is taken, and, in the event of his not so withdrawing, his name shall be submitted to ballot for the senior office only.

18. The ballot papers shall be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary, and shall contain

i. A letter or figure showing the number or order of the ballot.

ii. A list of the elective offices.

iii. Properly defined spaces into which may be written :
(a) The names of the brethren to be voted for. (b) The place of the next annual meeting.

iv. The number of votes cast with each ballot.

19. The Grand Master shall, before the calling off of Grand Lodge on the first day of the meeting, appoint and announce the names of a sufficient number of scrutineers, not being Grand Lodge officers or nominated for office, to take charge of the ballot. He shall also appoint one of the scrutineers to be chairman, whose duty it shall be to supervise the scrutineers in the performance of their duties, to decide any doubtful ballots, and to report the result of each ballot to the presiding officer of Grand Lodge. Before entering upon their duties the scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to perform the same truly and faithfully.

20. The scrutineers shall meet at nine o'clock on the morning of the second day of the meeting in a convenient room ad-

joining the place of meeting. They shall act in sections of three under the direction of the chairman. Each section shall be provided with a ballot box and a book containing the name and number of the lodge of each brother entitled to vote and the number of votes to which he is entitled.

21. Each brother voting shall write upon one of the ballot papers the name or names of the brother or brothers for whom he desires to vote and the name of the place at which he desires that the next annual meeting shall be held. He shall vote for five nominated members of the Board of General Purposes, otherwise his ballot for the Board shall be void. After exposing to the scrutineers the figures on his ballot indicating the number of his votes, and furnishing such other information as they shall require, he shall deposit his ballot paper in the proper ballot box.

22. No brother shall deposit more than one ballot paper in his personal right, nor more than one ballot paper for the Lodge legally represented by him. Any violation of this rule shall constitute a Masonic offence for which the brother charged shall be tried summarily by a committee appointed by the Grand Master. If found guilty, he shall be sentenced by the Grand Master to be reprimanded, to be suspended for a limited time, or to be suspended indefinitely.

23. The Grand Master shall declare the first ballot closed at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the second day, and the vote shall be forthwith counted and announced.

24. The five brothers nominated for the Board of General Purposes obtaining the greatest number of votes shall be duly elected.

25. A candidate for office other than membership of the Board of General Purposes must, in order to be elected, receive a majority of all the votes cast.

26. If upon the first ballot some of the brethren nominated for any office other than membership of the Board does not obtain a majority of all the votes cast, another ballot shall be taken in respect of such office, and so on until the requisite majority has been obtained.

27. All the ballot papers cast at any election shall be forthwith deposited by the chairman of the scrutineers with the Grand Secretary, who shall retain them for three months, and shall then, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Master, destroy them by fire.

28. Grand Lodge may, on motion, in recognition of eminence, ability, or service rendered, confer upon any of its own members such rank as it may deem appropriate, but not above that of Past Grand Senior Warden. Notice of the motion to confer such rank must be sent in writing by the mover to the Grand Secretary not later than the first day of March preceding the annual meeting, and the vote in favor of the motion must be unanimous. (See Section 3 as to the conferring of rank on a brother from a foreign jurisdiction).

29. The Grand Tyler shall be elected by an open vote of Grand Lodge.

30. Should any officer of Grand Lodge other than the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master die or remove from the jurisdiction, or become incapable for any reason of performing

the duties of his office, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to fill the position until the next annual meeting, or during such incapacity.

Mode of Electing the District Deputy Grand Master.

31. Subject to the approval of and confirmation by the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master of each district shall be elected by the majority of Past Masters and the representatives of the Lodges of such district present at the annual meeting of Grand Lodge. He must be a Past Master and a resident of the district for which he is elected. Should he, at the time of his election, be Master of a Lodge, and should his election be confirmed by the Grand Master, such election shall, ipso facto, operate to vacate his office of Master, and a new election shall be held by the Lodge.

32. The election of District Deputy Grand Master shall be held at the hour of eight o'clock p. m. on the first day of the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, and the result thereof shall be forthwith communicated to the Grand Secretary by the chairman of the district meeting.

Composition of the Board of General Purposes.

33. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters the Deputy Grand Master (who shall be ex officio President of the Board), the District Deputy Grand Masters, the two Grand Wardens and twenty other members, being Masters or Past Masters of Lodges, ten of whom shall be elected by Grand Lodge, five in each year, and the remaining ten appointed by the Grand Master, five in each year. The elected and appointed members shall hold office for two years, but shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

Rank of the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

34. The rank of officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows :

- The Grand Master.
- Past Grand Masters, according to seniority.
- The Deputy Grand Master.
- Past Deputy Grand Masters.
- The District Deputy Grand Masters.
- Past District Deputy Grand Masters.
- The Grand Senior Warden.
- Past Grand Senior Wardens.
- The Grand Junior Warden.
- Past Grand Junior Wardens.
- The Grand Chaplain.
- Past Grand Chaplains.
- The Grand Treasurer.
- Past Grand Treasurers.
- The Grand Secretary.
- Past Grand Secretaries.
- The Grand Registrar.
- Past Grand Registrars.
- The Grand Senior Deacon.

Past Grand Senior Deacons.
 The Grand Junior Deacon.
 Past Grand Junior Deacons.
 The Grand Superintendent of Works.
 Past Grand Superintendents of Works.
 The Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
 The Assistant Grand Secretary.
 Past Assistant Grand Secretaries.
 The Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
 The Grand Sword Bearer.
 Past Grand Sword Bearers.
 The Grand Organist.
 Past Grand Organists.
 The Assistant Grand Organist.
 Past Assistant Grand Organists.
 The Grand Pursuivant.
 Past Grand Pursuivants.
 The Grand Stewards.
 Past Grand Stewards.
 The Grand Standard Bearers.
 Past Grand Standard Bearers.

The Masters, Past Masters and Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodges, in the order of the numbers of their respective Lodge warrants.

The Grand Tyler.

35. No brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office in Grand Lodge or in any Lodge unless he has served a full term of twelve months. (See Section 144.)

36. A Past Master of a Lodge in this jurisdiction who has been duly registered in the books of Grand Lodge, and who affiliates with any other Lodge, is entitled to his rank according to seniority both in Grand Lodge and in the Lodge with which he affiliates.

37. The privileges of Masonic rank under this Grand Lodge shall be restricted to those who have obtained rank under this jurisdiction.

38. A Past Master may require from the Grand Secretary, on payment of the fee of one dollar, a Past Master's Certificate, and the Grand Secretary is authorized to issue the same. (See Section 255.)

Powers of Grand Lodge.

39. Grand Lodge alone can enact laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and alter or repeal them. Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, to Lodges or to individual brethren, which may be exercised directly or by delegated authority.

40. Any brother present in Grand Lodge shall have the right to appeal to Grand Lodge from any decision or ruling of the Grand Master given in Grand Lodge. (For procedure on such appeal see Section 131.)

41. Every Lodge or brother affected by any ruling, decision or action of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes, or any subordinate authority, shall

be duly served with notice of such ruling, decision or action, and shall have the right to appeal therefrom to Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary within twenty-one days after the notice of such ruling, decision or action shall have been served upon him, and the appeal shall be presented to Grand Lodge by the Board of General Purposes. The provision respecting services prescribed in Rule 5, Masonic Trials, shall apply to all services in connection with appeals provided for by this Constitution.

42. Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction to entertain an appeal from the verdict or decision of any Lodge or commission in connection with a trial for a Masonic offence, and to deal with the same as provided by the rules respecting Masonic trials. (See Rule 41 and following rules.)

43. Grand Lodge only can expel a brother from the Craft or restore him after expulsion.

Grand Lodge only can withdraw the Warrant of a Lodge and erase the same.

Note—For the procedure relating to expulsion and restoration see post Rules 61, 62, 63, Masonic Trials.

44. The Warrant of a Lodge shall not be withdrawn, nor shall the Lodge be erased until the Master or Officers thereof have been summoned to show cause in Grand Lodge why such action should not be taken. (See Section 229.)

45. The Constitution of Grand Lodge may be amended or altered at any annual meeting thereof by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice in writing, stating distinctly the proposed amendment or alteration, shall have been given at the preceding annual meeting, or shall have been sent to the Grand Secretary before the first day of March preceding the meeting at which the motion is to be considered, and published in the notice paper. Any amendment to the Constitution which has been rejected by Grand Lodge shall not be reconsidered at any time within five years after such rejection, except leave be given by Grand Lodge by a two-thirds vote, such vote to be taken without debate.

Powers and Duties of the Grand Master.

46. The Grand Master shall, according to ancient usage, be installed at the annual meeting. He shall then, or as soon as possible thereafter, appoint the Grand Lodge officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided by this Constitution.

47. He shall, during such meeting, install and invest, or cause to be installed and invested, the officers who require installation or investiture, and who are present, and shall give directions for the installation or investiture of those who are not present.

48. He may by warrant appoint any brother to represent Grand Lodge in a sister Grand Lodge.

49. He is the presiding officer of Grand Lodge whenever it may meet.

50. He may preside over any Lodge and may direct the business thereof during his visit. The Deputy Grand Master, if present, shall sit on his right, the Grand Wardens, if present, shall occupy the Wardens' chairs, and the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, or the brother entitled to exercise his functions, shall sit on his left.

51. He may send any of the Grand Officers to visit any Lodge.

52. He may, either personally or by a committee of inquiry to be appointed by him, investigate any subject or Masonic complaint, not being a Masonic offence, which may be brought before him, and may give such orders and directions with respect to the attendance of brethren and the production of books and papers, including the warrant, books and accounts of any Lodge, as he may deem necessary for the purposes of such investigation. Should his orders or directions be disobeyed he may suspend any offending brother for such disobedience until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, or until his orders or directions be obeyed. He shall report in writing to Grand Lodge the action taken by him, his reasons therefor, and his opinion respecting any further action in the matter which should be taken by Grand Lodge.

53. He may, when such action appears to him to be necessary or expedient, suspend any brother, or arrest the warrant or dispensation of any Lodge and suspend the operation thereof until the next meeting of Grand Lodge. He shall report in writing to Grand Lodge the action taken by him, his reasons therefor, and his opinion respecting any further action in the matter which should be taken by Grand Lodge.

54. He may direct that a charge be preferred, in a Lodge having jurisdiction to try the same, against any brother for any Masonic offence alleged to have been committed by him, and may, if he think it expedient to do so, commit the supervision of the trial to the District Deputy Grand Master or any other officer whom he may appoint.

55. He may decide questions of usage, order and Masonic law, which may be submitted to him, subject, however, to a right of appeal to Grand Lodge from his decision. (See Section 41.)

56. He may entertain an appeal from the decision or action of a District Deputy Grand Master, and change or modify the same. (See Section 71.)

57. It is the prerogative of the Grand Master to perform the following ceremonies, viz.: Constituting and consecrating Lodges, dedicating Lodge rooms, laying foundation stones and installing and investing Grand Officers; and no brother can lawfully perform any of these ceremonies unless authorized by the Grand Master to do so as his representative.

58. The Grand Master has authority to grant dispensations for the following purposes, viz.:

i. To authorize the requisite number of brethren to meet as a Lodge until the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

ii. To authorize the Grand Secretary to issue a Grand Lodge Certificate to a brother who has been legally admitted to a higher degree at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Constitution. (See Section 245.)

iii. To relieve from Masonic disability a member of a Lodge who has been suspended. (See Section 237.)

iv. To permit the healing of an irregularly made Mason.

59. He has also authority to grant dispensations to any Lodge for any of the following purposes, viz. :

i. To hold a public procession of members of the Lodge, or any other function in the name of the Lodge or of the fraternity.

ii. To elect and install (or either) officers at a time other than that fixed by the by-laws.

iii. To hold a Lodge of Instruction.

iv. To confer a higher degree on a brother at a shorter interval than that prescribed by the Constitution.

v. To receive and act upon a petition for initiation in a Lodge from a person who has not resided for one year within its jurisdiction.

vi. To receive and act upon a petition for a candidate for initiation who resides outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

vii. To initiate more than five candidates in one day.

60. The statement of the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master contained in the foregoing sections shall not be construed as limiting or abridging the powers and prerogatives attached to the office of Grand Master by Masonic law or custom, except in so far as they directly limit or abridge the same.

61. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry except through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Masters, or the Board of General Purposes.

62. During the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, or during his temporary incapacity from any cause to discharge the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master. Should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or become permanently incapable of discharging the duties thereof, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith be entitled to exercise the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election.

Powers and Duties of the Deputy Grand Master.

63. The Deputy Grand Master shall, according to ancient usage, be installed at the annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

64. He shall be ex officio President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 92.)

65. He shall have authority, unless the Grand Master be present, to preside at any Lodge meeting and to direct the business thereof during his visit. The District Deputy Grand Master, if present, shall sit on his right; the Grand Wardens, if present, shall occupy the Wardens' chairs, and the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, or the brother entitled to exercise his function, shall sit on his left.

Powers and Duties of the District Deputy Grand Master.

66. The District Deputy Grand Master may preside in every Lodge he visits within his district, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand.

67. He shall visit all the Lodges in his district during his term of office, and shall see that they are working in the authorized manner, and that returns have been regularly for-

warded to Grand Lodge, with all moneys that have accrued due to it. Should any Lodge refuse or neglect to make such returns and payments he shall immediately report the fact in writing to the Grand Master.

68. He shall satisfy himself that the brother recommended in the petition for a new Lodge as the first Master thereof is duly qualified to perform the duties of that office, and for that purpose he may summon that brother to attend for examination, and if he be found qualified he shall grant him a certificate of qualification.

69. He shall ascertain whether a Lodge working under a dispensation in his district is provided with suitable furniture and regalia. (See Section 249.)

70. He may hear and determine any subject of Masonic complaint on being specially authorized to do so by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

71. An appeal, in all cases, shall lie from the decision or action of the District Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. (See Sections 41 and 56.)

72. If the District Deputy Grand Master shall neglect to act or proceed within a reasonable time in any case or business in which it is his duty to act or proceed, complaint of his neglect may be sent to the Grand Secretary, who shall forward the same to the Grand Master to be dealt with by him.

73. He may summon the officers of any Lodge or any brother within his district to appear before him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge. If the summons be not complied with, and a sufficient reason be not given for non-compliance, he shall immediately report the fact in writing to the Grand Master.

74. He may grant dispensations for holding Lodges of Instruction, but for no other purpose, and shall report his dispensations to the Grand Master.

75. He may appoint a District Chaplain and Secretary to act during his pleasure.

76. He may appoint a competent brother to instruct any Lodge or Lodges in his district which may desire instruction.

77. He shall send to the Grand Secretary, at least fourteen days prior to the annual meeting a brief account in writing of his proceedings and of the state of Masonry within his district, together with a list of such Lodges as may have been constituted since the last return.

Grand Wardens.

78. The Grand Wardens shall be invested at the annual meeting.

79. When the Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge no others can fill their places, but in the absence of either, the Grand Master may appoint any Past Grand Warden present to act pro tempore. If no Past Grand Warden be present, the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

80. The Grand Wardens, whenever directed, shall attend the Grand Master and act as his Wardens.

Grand Chaplain.

81. The Grand Chaplain shall be invested at the annual meeting. He shall, when practicable, attend all meetings of Grand Lodge and there offer prayer.

Grand Treasurer.

82. The Grand Treasurer shall be invested at the annual meeting.

83. He shall keep such books and accounts and in such a manner as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 116). His books shall always be open for inspection by the Grand Master, or the President of the Board, or any committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by Sections 117 and following sections. He shall be the custodian of the bond of the Grand Secretary. (See Section 84.)

Grand Secretary.

84. The Grand Secretary shall be invested at the annual meeting.

He shall have the custody of the seal of Grand Lodge and shall affix the same to all documents issued by authority of Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master.

He shall sign and certify all instruments issued by Grand Lodge under seal or otherwise.

He shall issue summonses for all meetings of Grand Lodge, of the Board of General Purposes, and of any committee as he shall be directed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, and shall attend and take minutes of their proceedings.

He shall receive the returns from the several Lodges and enter them in the books of Grand Lodge and duly report the same at each annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

He shall send to all Lodges copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge and all such other papers as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, Grand Lodge or the Board of General Purposes.

He shall, on or before the first day of April in each year, send to each Lodge and to every officer of Grand Lodge, copies of all notices of motion.

He shall notify all Lodges annually of all expelled, suspended and restored members for the year.

He shall furnish the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Board of General Purposes with all documents and information that they may require.

He shall receive all petitions, memorials and other papers and lay them before the Grand Master or other proper authority.

He shall attend the Grand Master or Board of General Purposes, and take to him or the Board the books and papers he or they may direct.

He shall conduct the correspondence of Grand Lodge.

He shall receive and dispose of all moneys of Grand Lodge and keep all the accounts thereof in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Board of General Purposes. (See Sections 115, 116.) His books and accounts shall always be open to in-

spection by the Grand Master, or the President of the Board of General Purposes, or any committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by Sections 117, etc.

He shall perform all other duties appertaining to his office.

He shall give a bond, to be approved by the Board of General Purposes, to the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, in some guarantee company, in the sum of five thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties. (See Section 120.) This bond shall be placed in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. (See Section 83.) The fee for such bond shall be paid by Grand Lodge.

Grand Registrar.

85. The Grand Registrar shall be invested at the annual meeting.

Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

86. The Grand Deacons, Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Sword Bearers, Organist, Assistant Organist, Pursuivant, Stewards and Standard Bearers shall, when practicable, attend all meetings of Grand Lodge.

87. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall, in addition to his other duties, have the care during the meeting of Grand Lodge, of the clothing, regalia and jewels belonging to it.

88. The Grand Pursuivant shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of Grand Lodge, and, with the assistance of the brethren nominated for the purpose, shall see that none be admitted except those qualified, properly clothed and in all respects entitled to admission.

89. The Grand Stewards shall assist in the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the Grand Master, and in conducting the arrangements made for the meeting of Grand Lodge.

Grand Tyler.

90. The Grand Tyler shall, when practicable, attend at all meetings of Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

Historian of Grand Lodge.

91. The Historian of Grand Lodge shall from time to time compile and preserve a record of all matters connected with the history of Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes.

92. The Deputy Grand Master shall be the President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 64.)

93. The Board of General Purposes shall annually elect one of its members to be Vice-President, who, in the absence of the President, shall possess all his powers.

94. Should the President and the Vice-President be absent, the Board shall elect a chairman pro tempore.

95. The Board shall meet two days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge at the place appointed for holding the same, and at other times on the call of the Grand Master or the President of the Board.

96. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes; the presiding officer in case of a tie shall have a second vote.

97. The Board shall have authority to hear and determine all Masonic complaints, not being Masonic offences, respecting Lodges or individual Masons when regularly brought before it.

98. The Board may summon any of the officers of a Lodge or any brother to appear before it for the purpose of any enquiry, and may order the custodian thereof to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge. If such order be disobeyed and sufficient reason for non-compliance be not given, the offending Lodge or brother may be suspended by the Board and the proceedings shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

99. A full report of the proceedings of the Board in all cases of complaint investigated by it shall be preserved in a book to be kept for the purpose. The judgment of the Board shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

100. In case of any complaint affecting a member of the Board, or the Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Board considers its decision.

101. The Board shall have charge of the finances of Grand Lodge, shall examine all claims upon it, and when found correct, shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay them, and it shall submit to Grand Lodge an estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

102. The Board shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of Grand Lodge, and may, by rules and regulations, prescribe the manner in which the moneys and accounts thereof shall be kept. Such rules and regulations shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

103. The Board shall annually appoint an auditor, who shall be a chartered accountant. His duty shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary once a month and the books of the Grand Treasurer every three months and report to the Grand Master. He shall perform the duties prescribed by Sections 117 and 118. He shall receive such remuneration as the Board may determine.

104. The Board may summon any officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to Grand Lodge to appear before it, and may give such directions as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

105. The Board shall have the direction of everything relating to the furniture and regalia of Grand Lodge.

106. The Board shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the meetings of Grand Lodge, as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies and other meetings.

107. The Board shall have the general care and regulation of all the concerns of Grand Lodge.

108. No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the Board unless it be in writing and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board.

109. All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, to Grand Lodge, or other boards or committee, or any Lodge or brother, shall be made in writing.

110. The Board shall proceed to the consideration of any

special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, in preference to other business.

111. The Board may appoint committees from among its members for specific purposes, who must report to the Board.

112. All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in the minute book by the Grand Secretary.

113. The actual expenses of the members of the Board of General Purposes and of committees and commissions appointed by Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master in attending meetings thereof respectively, shall be paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge, the amount thereof to be approved by the President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 122.)

114. At each annual meeting of Grand Lodge the Board shall report all its proceedings.

Moneys and Accounts of Grand Lodge.

115. All moneys payable to Grand Lodge shall be received by the Grand Secretary, who shall forthwith deposit them in the bank in which the Grand Lodge keeps its account to the credit of Grand Lodge, and shall forthwith send a duplicate of the deposit slip to the Grand Treasurer, who shall keep an account of all moneys so received and deposited.

116. The accounts of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall be kept in such manner and form, and subject to such rules and regulations, as the Board of General Purposes may from time to time prescribe.

117. The accounts shall be closed on the 31st day of May in each year. They shall be audited continuously during the year by a professional accountant to be named by the Board, and an abstract thereof certified by the auditor as correct shall be prepared and sent to each Lodge not later than the 15th day of June in each year. (See Section 103.)

118. A full statement of the accounts shall be prepared for the information of Grand Lodge, shall be certified as correct by the official auditor, and shall be submitted to the Board on the first day of its meeting prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge. This statement shall be referred for examination and audit to a committee of the Board, who shall forthwith report to the Board thereon.

119. The Board shall prescribe the mode in which payments shall be made out of the funds of Grand Lodge, and shall have power to authorize any necessary expenditure for the administration of its affairs.

120. The Grand Secretary shall give a bond in a guarantee company to be approved by the Board to the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, in the sum of \$5,000, for the faithful performance of his duties. The premium on the bond shall be paid by Grand Lodge. (See Section 84.)

121. The books of account of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and the securities of Grand Lodge shall always be open to inspection by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Board of General Purposes or its nominee. (See Sections 83, 84.)

122. All committees or commissions appointed by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge shall be paid their actual expenses,

the amount thereof to be approved by the President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 113.)

Meetings of Grand Lodge.

123. The Grand Master, or in the event of his absence from the province or inability to act, the Deputy Grand Master, or in the event of his absence or inability to act, the Grand Wardens may summon and hold especial meetings of Grand Lodge whenever the good of the Craft shall, in their opinion, require it. The particular reason for convening such meetings shall be stated in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at any such meeting.

124. The annual meeting of Grand Lodge shall be held at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of the third Wednesday in July, at the place decided upon at the previous annual meeting.

125. No member of Grand Lodge shall attend at any meeting thereof without his proper Masonic clothing, nor wear any jewel not recognized by Grand Lodge. None but members shall be present without permission of the Grand Master.

126. The Grand Master, if present, shall preside in Grand Lodge. If, at any meeting thereof, annual or especial, except a meeting called to assist in the performance of a ceremony, the Grand Master be absent, Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the elective grand officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; but, if no elective grand officer be present, by the Master of the senior Lodge present.

127. No brother below the rank of a Past Grand Master shall assume the Grand Master's chair, though he be entitled in the absence of the Grand Master to rule Grand Lodge.

128. Grand Lodge is declared open in ample form when the Grand Master presides; in due form when a Past Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master presides; at all other times, in form, yet with the same authority.

129. The Grand Master having taken his seat and opened Grand Lodge, the following shall be the order of business:

On the first day of the annual meeting—

- i. Confirming the minutes of previous meetings.
- ii. Reading and referring the Grand Master's address.
- iii. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.
- iv. Receiving the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and referring them to the Board of General Purposes for consideration and report.
- v. Receiving the reports of the Board of General Purposes, and, if expedient, considering the same in the following order, viz.:
 - (a) The report on warrants.
 - (b) The report on printing and supplies.
 - (c) The report on audit and finance.
 - (d) The report on benevolence.
 - (e) The report on grievances and appeals.
 - (f) The report on the condition of Masonry.
 - (g) The report on Constitution and laws and jurisprudence.
 - (h) The report on fraternal dead.

(i) The report on foreign correspondence.

vi. Receiving and, if expedient, considering the reports of special committees.

vii. Considering notices of motion.

viii. Nominating officers.

On the second day the first business shall be the reception of the report of the Committee on credentials, and next the election of the officers of Grand Lodge. Thereafter, and on each succeeding day, the order shall be as follows :

i. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc.

ii. Considering reports in the order in which they are presented.

iii. Receiving and, if expedient, considering further reports of the Board of General Purposes.

iv. Receiving and, if expedient, considering reports of special committees.

v. Considering motions, general business, etc.

The installation and investiture of officers shall take place immediately before the close of the meeting.

The order of business shall be called by the Grand Secretary at each meeting and may at any time be suspended or changed by a two-thirds vote of Grand Lodge, and not otherwise.

130. Grand Lodge may leave any particular matter to the determination of the Grand Master. Subject to this provision, all matters brought up for discussion in Grand Lodge shall be decided by a majority of votes, each brother present having one vote, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of a tie. Each brother when voting shall hold up one of his hands. The Grand Deacons shall count the votes unless the numbers, in the opinion of the Grand Master, be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

131. When a brother appeals from the decision of the Grand Master given while Grand Lodge is in session (see Section 39) he shall state shortly the grounds for his appeal. The Grand Master may then state the reasons for his decision, and, without further debate, shall put the question, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" When the vote has been taken the decision of Grand Lodge shall be announced.

Appeals from the ruling, decision or action of the Grand Master or any subordinate authority shall be brought before Grand Lodge in the manner provided by Section 41.

132. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his assistant, and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

133. No brother shall speak twice on the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover of a motion in reply.

134. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master ; and no brother shall presume to interrupt him except to address the Grand Master on a point of order. The Grand Master may call him to order.

135. If any brother shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same session, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave Grand Lodge for that session.

136. No motion on any new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after eleven o'clock at night.

137. No money grants shall be made by Grand Lodge on the last day of the meeting, unless notice of an intended application therefor shall have been given on the preceding day.

Lodges.

138. A "Lodge" shall mean a Lodge working under a warrant of this Grand Lodge. A "Lodge under dispensation" shall mean a Lodge working under a dispensation from the Grand Master, and possessing no powers or privileges other than such as are conferred by its dispensation.

139. An "affiliated Mason" shall mean a brother who is a member of a Lodge. A brother who has attained the rank of Past Master under the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge shall, upon affiliation with any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be entitled to retain such rank.

140. A "joining brother" shall mean a brother who has been initiated in a Lodge or a Lodge under dispensation, or who hails from a foreign jurisdiction acknowledged by Grand Lodge, or who has been healed and, in either case, who is admitted a member of a Lodge or a Lodge under dispensation by affiliation according to this Constitution.

141. A resident in the Province of Ontario, who during such residence has been initiated into Masonry by any body beyond this jurisdiction, without the permission of the Grand Master, shall not be entitled to Masonic privileges except upon such terms as may be imposed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

142. A brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or who has assisted in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member, or even a visitor, into any Lodge, or partake of the general charity or other Masonic privileges, until he makes due submission and obtains grace.

Officers of Lodges.

143. The officers of a Lodge are : The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard, two Stewards, and the Tyler, to which number may be added an Assistant Secretary, a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies and an Organist ; and they shall severally hold office until their successors, respectively, have been regularly elected or appointed and installed or invested in their stead. The Master only is installed, the other officers are invested, and no installation or investiture of any elective officer can be performed by proxy. The investiture of a Warden elected at the annual election, but not invested at the date of annual installation, shall redate back to the latter date.

144. No brother is eligible to the office of Master of a Lodge unless he shall have served for twelve months as Warden in a Lodge in his jurisdiction, and no brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office in the Lodge unless he has served a full term of twelve months. (See Section 35.)

145. No brother other than a charter member can be an offi-

cer of a Lodge until he has been admitted a member thereof by ballot, in accordance with the Constitution.

146. A Lodge may by by-law invest its Master with the privilege of appointing the Wardens and Secretary, or provide that all or some of the officers of the Lodge shall be elected.

147. Subject to the foregoing provision, every Lodge shall annually elect by the vote of a majority of all the members present, its Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, by written ballots, and by an open vote its Tyler, two Auditors and an Examining Board composed of three Installed Masters, of whom the Worshipful Master may be one. At the next regular meeting of the Lodge following the election of the Master, and after the minutes have been read and approved, the question shall be put whether the election of the Master-elect shall be confirmed. If the election be confirmed he shall be duly installed in the chair according to ancient usage. No Master-elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed. If the election be not confirmed a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master, and on confirmation of that election at the following regular meeting of the Lodge, the installation of the Master shall follow.

148. Two or more Lodges may by a resolution hold the installation and investiture of officers in the same lodge room, and for such purpose shall bring the minute books, by-laws and warrants to the place of installation.

149. No brother shall be installed Master of a Lodge unless the Examining Board reports that he is familiar with the duties of Master.

150. The Installation ceremony shall not be performed in public.

151. Every Master before being placed in the chair shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the established usages and customs, to preserve the landmarks of the Order, and strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

152. The Master upon his installation shall appoint all the officers who are not elective, and all standing committees for conducting the business of the Lodge, and he shall invest or cause to be invested the elected and appointed officers.

153. An officer of a Lodge may resign his office. Should any officer die, resign his office or become permanently incapable, by removal or otherwise, of performing the duties thereof, a successor shall forthwith be elected or appointed. The Master of a Lodge, or, if the Mastership be vacant, the Senior Warden, or if he cannot act, the Junior Warden, shall see that, in the case of a vacancy in an elective office, the necessary steps be taken for a new election, which shall be held at a regular meeting of the Lodge or a meeting duly called for the purpose.

Tylers.

154. The Tyler shall be elected by the members of the Lodge and may at any time be removed for cause by a majority of the brethren present at any regular meeting.

155. The Tyler shall see that every member or visitor signs

his name in the attendance book, and is properly clothed before entering the Lodge.

Powers and Duty of the Master.

156. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to Lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts when required by lawful authority.

157. The Master has not the power to suspend the declaration of the ballot. (See Sections 195, 196.)

158. The officers of a Lodge shall, when summoned so to do for the purpose of an enquiry, appear before the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, or any board or committee lawfully constituted.

Lodge Moneys and Accounts.

159. All moneys received or paid on account of the Lodge shall be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The accounts of the Lodge shall be duly audited at least once a year by the Auditors, who shall report such audit to the Lodge on the day appointed for the installation of officers and prior to such installation.

160. Each Lodge shall make its returns and payments semi-annually to the Grand Secretary, and in cases of failure for more than one year to make such returns and payments after the same are due, or to hold a meeting, it may be summoned to show cause why it should not be suspended, or why its warrant should not be withdrawn or declared forfeited. No representative of any Lodge which has neglected to make its returns and payments to Grand Lodge for more than one year shall be permitted to vote at any session thereof until such returns and payments respectively shall have been completed and made.

Lodge Meetings.

161. A Lodge of Emergency for the transaction of any particular business may, by direction of the Master, or, in his absence, the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden, be called at any time on seven clear days' notice. The reason for calling such meeting shall be stated in the summons, and no business except that so stated shall be transacted at the meeting. A Lodge of Emergency for the purpose of attending the funeral of a deceased brother may be called by the like direction on reasonable notice.

162. The day and hour of the regular meetings of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws.

163. A summons for a regular meeting must be served seven clear days before the meeting. The posting of delivery of a summons shall be regarded as good service thereof.

164. The Master of every Lodge shall cause the Secretary to send a copy of every summons issued to the members of his Lodge to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated. He shall also cause to be sent to him, immediately after the installation of officers, on a form to be supplied by the Grand Secretary, a certified list of the officers of his Lodge, elected and appointed. He shall also cause to be sent to the Grand Secretary at least fourteen days

before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, the name of the proxy for Grand Lodge, if any has been appointed.

165. No jewels shall be worn in a Lodge other than those specified for the officers, except the jewel of a Past Master, a Grand Representative, and those of a Royal Arch Mason.

166. At all meetings of the Lodge, the Master, if present, shall preside. If he be not present, the Immediate Past Master, or, if he be not present, a Past Master of the Lodge shall take the chair. If no Past Master be present, the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden, may rule the Lodge, but shall not confer degrees.

167. No brother below the rank of a Past Master shall assume the Master's chair.

168. None other than the authorized work is allowed to be practiced or administered in any Lodge, unless such Lodge is entitled to continue the work in any other form as a condition of its having submitted to the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

169. All voting in a Lodge shall be by show of hands, except in cases where the Constitution requires a ballot; or where the Lodge shall, by show of hands taken without debate, decide that a ballot be taken.

170. No motion to rescind or reconsider a resolution adopted by a Lodge shall be allowed unless notice thereof be given at the preceding regular meeting.

171. No Lodge has the power to adjourn from day to day.

172. At all meetings of a Lodge, whether regular or emergent, seven members shall be a quorum, and no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless at least seven members of the Lodge are present.

173. If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, and be admonished by the Master, and persist in his irregular conduct, the Master may order him to leave the Lodge and may suspend him if he disobey such order, or if his offence, in the opinion of the Master, justifies suspension. Such suspension, with the reason therefor, shall be forthwith reported by the Master to the District Deputy Grand Master of the District and shall last only until action is taken by him.

174. No brother shall violate the secrecy of the ballot on candidates for initiation or membership by stating how he voted or intended to vote (except as provided in Section 175), or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted or by revealing a brother's vote.

175. In the case of a Masonic trial where the charge laid relates to a ballot for initiation or membership any brother shall be at liberty to disclose how he voted in that particular case.

Lodge Books and Records.

176. Every Lodge shall, besides the necessary account books, keep a minute book and a book in which the Secretary shall enter the names of the members of the Lodge, the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising, their ages as nearly as the same can be ascertained, titles, professions or trades, and the dates of their deaths, resignations, suspensions, expulsions and restorations.

177. Every Lodge shall keep a book, in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge; and a similar book, or portion of the same book, for visitors, who are in like manner to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of their mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

Lodge Seal.

178. Every Lodge shall have a seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued which require to be sealed. The seal shall not be affixed to any documents other than such as are issued by resolution of the Lodge, or required by the Constitution, which latter are as follows:

- i. Semi-annual returns of work.
- ii. Annual returns of officers installed.
- iii. By-laws.
- iv. Amendments to by-laws.
- v. Certificate of adoption of by-laws.
- vi. Copy of the summons giving notice of motion to consider by-laws or amendments which must accompany same when forwarded for confirmation by the Grand Master.
- vii. Applications for benevolence.
- viii. Annual return of moneys expended for benevolence.
- ix. Recommendation for a new Lodge.

An impression of the seal or of any amendment thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

Lodge By-laws.

179. Every Lodge may frame by-laws for its own government, which must be in harmony with the Constitution of Grand Lodge. The by-laws and any amendments made thereto must be sent in duplicate to the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Lodge for the approval of the Grand Master, and no by-laws or amendments shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

180. The by-laws of a Lodge shall be fairly written or printed in a book, and shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation. Every brother shall subscribe to them when he becomes a member of the Lodge, and shall at all reasonable times have access thereto and he shall be furnished by the Lodge with a printed copy on his initiation or affiliation. A copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

Initiation.

181. A candidate who can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge, and who is mentally and morally worthy of admission, is a fit subject to become a Mason.

182. A candidate must at the time of his application be of the full age of 21 years, free born, his own master, and known to be in reputable circumstances.

183. No Lodge shall initiate more than five candidates in one day, except by dispensation of the Grand Master. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate until he has been balloted for and approved, and no rejected candidate for initiation shall be bal-

loted for in the same or any other Lodge within twelve months from the time of such rejection.

184. No Lodge shall make a Mason for a smaller fee than twenty dollars, or remit or postpone the payment of any part of this sum.

185. No person shall be made a Mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, or produces a certificate of character from the Lodge nearest to the place of his previous residence, with a dispensation granted by the Grand Master.

186. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless in a town or city where there are more Lodges than one, in which case the Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge. For all purposes under this Constitution and the rules respecting Masonic trials, the residence of a married man shall be where his family resides ; of an unmarried man where he is constantly employed and is in receipt of his income, wages or salary. Provided, however, that if an unmarried man is residing with his parents, or, his parents being dead is residing with his brothers or sisters within the jurisdiction of one Lodge, and is constantly employed and is in receipt of his income, wages or salary, within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, either place may be treated by him as his residence for the purpose of this and the next preceding clause.

187. When the place of residence of an applicant for initiation residing within this jurisdiction is nearer to a Lodge in another jurisdiction than to a Lodge within this jurisdiction, such nearer Lodge may receive and act upon the petition of the applicant ; provided the Grand Lodge in such other jurisdiction permit the like privilege to Lodges in this jurisdiction.

Applications for Initiation.

188. An application for initiation shall be by petition in the form following. This petition shall be signed by the applicant with his full name, and shall be recommended by two members of the Lodge, Master Masons in good standing. It shall be sent to the Secretary of the Lodge and shall be read by him at the first regular meeting after its receipt.

Form of Petition.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of _____
Lodge No. _____ on the register of the Grand Lodge of A. F.
& A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

I _____ of the _____ of _____, in the County of _____ and Province of Ontario, aged _____ years, occupation _____, being free by birth and of mature age, do declare that, unbiased by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry ; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire for knowledge ; that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order ; that I have resided within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which this petition is to be presented for one year immediately prior to the date hereof, and

that I have not been rejected by this or any other Lodge within twelve months prior to the date hereof.

Witness my hand this — day of —, A. L. 59—.

(Signature in full.)

Recommended by _____

189. No application for initiation shall be passed upon by the Lodge unless notice thereof, stating particularly the name, age, occupation and residence of the candidate, shall have been given in the summons for the meeting at which the application is to be considered.

190. The petition on being presented shall be referred to a committee of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the character of the applicant and any other matters relevant to the petition and to report thereon to the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

191. If the report of the committee is favorable to the candidate, and if proper notice has been given, the ballot must be proceeded with at once. If proper notice has not been given the ballot shall stand over until the next regular meeting, of which proper notice shall be given.

192. It shall be the duty of the Master before the ballot is taken to satisfy himself that he has jurisdiction to initiate the petitioner, having regard to the provisions of Section 185.

193. By unanimous consent the ballot may be passed for two or more candidates at the same time, but if adverse it must be taken for each separately.

194. No person shall be initiated in a Lodge if on the ballot more than one black ball appears against him. A Lodge may, however, by by-law require the unanimous consent of the members present.

195. In the event of an adverse ballot on any application for initiation or affiliation the Master may order a second ballot if he has not already declared the candidate rejected.

196. Before declaring the result of the ballot the ballot box shall be placed on the altar for examination by any member of the Lodge. The result of the ballot having been declared by the Master, no further ballot is admissible.

197. In case objection be made to the initiation of a candidate after he has been balloted for and accepted, it shall be the duty of the Master to investigate the cause of such objection, and if he find the same well founded he shall not initiate such candidate until such objection is removed. If objection be made to the advancement of a brother, any member of the Lodge may require that such objection be placed in the form of a charge, and if not so placed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge the objection shall be of no effect.

198. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the Constitution and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the Craft; he must on his initiation sign the by-laws of the Lodge, a copy of which, together with a copy of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, shall then be presented to him.

199. A candidate for initiation upon whom the committee has reported unfavorably, or against whom the ballot has been de-

clared unfavorable by the Master, shall be considered a rejected candidate. No petition shall be received from any such rejected candidate dated within twelve months after the date of such rejection; and in case any candidate is rejected, either by unfavorable report or by adverse ballot, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give immediate notice to the Masters of Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction.

200. Every candidate initiated in or affiliated with a Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation or affiliation, and is liable for the regular Lodge dues.

201. Every Lodge shall register with the Grand Secretary the names of the brethren initiated or affiliated therein.

202. Should the Lodge neglect so to do any brother who has not been registered may apply to the Grand Secretary who, on proof being produced that he has paid the full fees of his Lodge, shall give him a certificate which shall entitle him to enjoy the full privileges of the Craft, and the offending Lodge shall be reported to Grand Lodge and shall be proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return, and for detaining moneys which are the property of Grand Lodge.

203. The Lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a Grand Lodge certificate which shall be paid for by the Lodge.

204. No higher degree in Masonry shall be conferred on any brother at a shorter interval than four weeks from the date of his receiving a previous degree, except under dispensation from the Grand Master, nor, in any case, until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in such previous degree.

Affiliation.

205. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge except upon petition signed by the applicant with his full name and presented in open Lodge at a regular meeting, nor unless notice of his name, occupation and place of abode, and the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member, shall have been embodied in the summons for the next regular meeting at which the application shall be considered, nor until he has been balloted for as hereinafter provided.

The form of petition shall be as follows :

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of _____
Lodge, No. — on the register of the Grand Lodge of A. F.
& A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

Form of Petition.

I _____ of the _____ of _____, in the County of _____ and the Province of Ontario, occupation _____, aged _____ years, being a _____ Mason, and desirous of becoming a member of _____, No. _____.

I was initiated, passed and raised in _____ Lodge, No. _____ at _____, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____, and am in good Masonic standing. I was last a member of _____ Lodge, No. _____

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, 190

Signature in full _____

Recommended by _____

When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary stating the fact and specifying that the brother has been registered and that his dues are paid.

206. If any member shall be under suspension from his Lodge or shall withdraw from it without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge.

207. A brother suspended by a Lodge must, in order to obtain his certificate of standing, apply to that Lodge for restoration in the usual manner, as laid down in the regulations for the government of Masonic trials.

208. Every petition for affiliation shall be recommended by at least two members of the Lodge, Master Masons in good standing, and shall be referred to a committee of three or more appointed by the Master, which committee shall report to the Lodge at the next regular meeting before the ballot is taken, and should the report be unfavorable the applicant shall be considered rejected without a ballot.

209. The proceedings in connection with the balloting for joining members shall so far as applicable be the same as those in connection with the initiation of candidates.

210. An applicant for affiliation who has been rejected may apply again to the same or any other Lodge without waiting for any specified time.

Dimit.

211. Whenever a member of any Lodge shall resign he shall be furnished with a certificate of his standing, and should he be indebted to the Lodge the certificate must state the fact. In case of loss of a certificate of standing a certificate signed by the present Master and Secretary may be issued setting forth the facts contained in the original certificate.

212. The certificate of standing must be produced, together with the application for membership, to the Lodge of which the brother in whose favor the certificate is issued desires to become a joining member. Such certificate shall be filed in the archives of the Lodge which admits the brother as such joining member.

Visitors.

213. A brother in good standing, properly vouched for, may visit a Lodge in the discretion of the Master.

214. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally vouched for, or after due examination by one or more of the members present, nor unless he shall have entered his name, Masonic rank, the name of his mother Lodge or the Lodge from which he hails, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the Lodge he is subject to its by-laws.

Life Membership.

215. Lodges may by by-law admit their members to life membership on such terms as they may determine. For each life member the Lodge may pay into Grand Lodge the sum of

five dollars, which payment shall exempt the lodge from payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

216. Upon a life member withdrawing from the Lodge of which he originally became a life member, and joining any other Lodge, such other Lodge shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Lodge on his account; nor, in case he become a life member of such other Lodge, shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor to Grand Lodge, but if such life member does not withdraw, and joins another Lodge, the latter Lodge shall be liable to Grand Lodge for his dues.

217. Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Lodge, and shall be amenable to discipline in the same manner as ordinary members.

Honorary Membership.

218. Any brother who may have rendered service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge may, by a three-fourths ballot vote of the members present, be elected an honorary member. Notice of motion for conferring such membership shall be given at a previous meeting and entered on the summons for the meeting at which the vote is to take place. The Lodge must include honorary members in its return to Grand Lodge and pay to Grand Lodge such dues as are payable for ordinary members.

Non-Payment of Dues.

219. Any brother who neglects to pay his dues may be suspended for such neglect by his Lodge, but shall be immediately restored without a ballot on payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and such further sum, if any, as the Lodge may require, not exceeding the amount of regular Lodge dues for the period he was suspended. Notice of such suspension or restoration respectively shall be given to the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the lodge is situated.

220. A Lodge may remit the dues of any member provided a notice of motion for remission has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

Miscellaneous.

221. The priority of Lodges is derived from the number of their warrant as recorded in the books of Grand Lodge. No Lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other Masonic privileges, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

222. Every Lodge shall annually send a list to the Grand Secretary of the names of the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge who are entitled to attend Grand Lodge. No brother shall be permitted to attend in Grand Lodge unless his name appears in such list.

223. A Lodge may require from its Treasurer or Secretary, or both, security for the funds committed to their care.

224. No member of a Lodge shall under any circumstances give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason to pro-

ceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in any itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

225. The clothing, regalia and furniture of every Lodge belong to and are the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren of such Lodge.

226. If a Lodge be dissolved, its warrant and records shall be delivered up to the Grand Secretary.

227. If the warrant of a Lodge be sold, or procured by improper means, it shall be forfeited and the Lodge erased.

228. If the membership of a Lodge be reduced below seven its warrant ceases and the Lodge becomes extinct.

229. No Lodge shall be erased or its warrant declared forfeited until the Master, or in his absence the Wardens, shall have been notified in writing of the cause of complaint made against the Lodge and shall have been summoned to answer the same. (See Section 44.)

230. It is improper to hold a Lodge in any but a regular Lodge room, duly set apart and having the necessary ante-rooms for all the requirements of Masonry. Such regular Lodge room may be in a private house, and should as soon as possible be formally dedicated.

231. It is improper to allow a Lodge room to be used jointly with other societies or for other than Masonic purposes; this, however, shall not be construed as excluding bodies that claim to be Masonic and are founded on Craft Masonry.

232. It is improper to allow other societies to take part in the conduct of a Masonic funeral.

233. The expense of procuring the clothing and jewel for the District Deputy Grand Master shall be paid by the Lodges in each district, and each Lodge shall pay the travelling expenses of the District Deputy Grand Master to the extent of at least one visit in each year; also the travelling expenses of any brother who, at the request of the Lodge and by authority of the District Deputy Grand Master, attends such Lodge for giving instruction.

Suspension.

234. A Lodge has jurisdiction over its own members wherever they may reside, and also over all Masons, whether affiliated or not, who reside within its territorial jurisdiction; and non-affiliation of a brother is no bar to his suspension.

235. A Lodge cannot deprive a member of his privileges until after due trial and conviction.

236. Suspended members are deprived of all their Masonic rights and privileges.

237. The suspension of a Lodge places all its members under Masonic disability, except by dispensation to be granted by the Grand Master.

238. If any member shall be under suspension from his Lodge, or shall withdraw from it without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge.

239. A brother suspended by a Lodge must, in order to obtain his certificate of standing, apply to that Lodge for restoration in the usual manner, as laid down in the rules for the government of Masonic trials.

Lodges of Instruction.

240. No District Lodge of Instruction shall be held unless by the sanction of a Lodge in the district and under a dispensation from the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master. The Lodge giving this sanction, and the brethren to whom such dispensation is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

241. Notice of the time and place of meeting of a Lodge of Instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary.

242. A minute shall be kept of all the proceedings and of the names of all brethren present at a Lodge of Instruction, and of brethren appointed to hold office therein, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master or Lodge granting the sanction.

Public Processions and Functions.

243. Except at Masonic funerals no public procession or function of the brethren as Masons, with or without regalia, shall be allowed, or take place, without a dispensation from the Grand Master. The proceedings at any such procession or function (including a funeral), which may be attended by the brethren, shall be immediately reported by the Master or Masters of the Lodges taking part therein to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary, and to the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Districts in which the Lodges are respectively situated.

244. If any brother shall appear in public clothed in the regalia of the Craft, except at a Masonic funeral, or an authorized public procession or function, he shall be subject to such penalty as the Grand Master shall impose. And if any Lodge shall so offend it shall stand suspended until Grand Lodge shall determine thereupon.

Fees.

245. The following shall be the fees payable to Grand Lodge :

For a dispensation for a Lodge, twenty dollars.

For a warrant, ten dollars.

For a new warrant, in case of loss by fire or otherwise properly certified, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to confer any degree in less time than four weeks, twenty dollars.

For a dispensation authorizing a Lodge to receive and act upon a petition from a candidate for initiation, who resides outside the jurisdiction of that Lodge, ten dollars, payable by the candidate.

For a dispensation authorizing a Lodge to receive and act upon a petition for initiation from a person who has not resided for one year within its jurisdiction, one dollar.

For a dispensation for any public procession or function, one dollar.

For a dispensation to elect and install (or either) at a time other than that fixed by the by-laws, one dollar.

For a Past Master's certificate, one dollar.

For every person initiated in a Lodge, three dollars, which shall entitle him to a registration and a Grand Lodge certificate. This must be paid on the registration of every initiate.

For every Mason joining from another Lodge, fifty cents.

For every member of each Lodge, fifty cents per annum.

For a duplicate certificate in case of loss, etc., one dollar.

Constituting a New Lodge.

246. Every application for a warrant to hold a new Lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven regularly registered Master Masons, and the Lodges to which they belong, or formerly belonged, must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest Lodge, and in case of there being more than two Lodges in the jurisdiction, it shall require the recommendation of not less than one-half of said Lodges, and be transmitted to the District Deputy Grand Master, who is to forward it, with his recommendation or opinion thereon, to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a Lodge until the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge. If, in the opinion of the Grand Master, the recommendation of the nearest Lodge or Lodges be unreasonably withheld, he shall have the power to waive such recommendation.

247. A motion recommending a new Lodge is in order at a regular meeting of the nearest Lodge without previous notice.

248. The recommendation from the nearest Lodge or Lodges required for a petition must be passed in open Lodge upon a regular resolution, and signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, with the seal of the Lodge attached, and in no case shall be given without such resolution and signatures. The following is the form of petition :

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

We, the undersigned, being regularly registered Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to extend our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the general principles of the art ; and for the convenience of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge to be named ———— ; in consequence of this desire, we pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at ————, in the County of ———— on the ——— of every month, and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the laws of Grand Lodge ; and we have nominated and do recommend brother (A. B.) to be the first Master ; brother (C. D.) to be the first Senior Warden, and brother (E. F.) to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedi-

ence to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge.

249. No warrant for a new Lodge shall be granted until there is furnished by the District Deputy Grand Master a certificate to the effect that the Lodge which is working under dispensation is provided with suitable furniture and regalia. (See Section 69.)

250. Every new Lodge shall be constituted by the Grand Master; or, in his absence, by his deputy.

Lodges Under Dispensation.

251. It is not legal to install the Master of a Lodge under dispensation.

252. A Lodge under dispensation may be represented in Grand Lodge at the annual meeting at which a warrant is obtained, but not by a proxy.

253. A Lodge under dispensation shall transmit to the Grand Secretary, two weeks before the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge, its minute book and register. After receiving its warrant the dispensation shall immediately be returned to the Grand Secretary.

Amalgamation of Lodges.

254. Two or more Lodges may amalgamate under one warrant. Each Lodge shall adopt a resolution to that effect, and appoint a committee of three members to arrange the terms therefor. Notice of such resolutions shall be given at a preceding meeting in each Lodge.

The report of the committee, if favorable, shall recommend for adoption the name and number of one of the Lodges and the time and place for such amalgamation. On the approval of the report of the committee by the Lodges a copy thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each member of said Lodges about to be amalgamated, and unless seven or more members of either of the Lodges notify the Secretary of their Lodge, in writing, of their objection to such amalgamation, within ten days from the date of mailing such notices, it shall be carried into effect as soon as the Grand Master shall approve of such amalgamation. The Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, or such other brother as the Grand Master may appoint, shall carry the amalgamation into effect by attending at the time and place named, when the members of the Lodge present shall choose, by ballot, the elective officers who, with the officers appointed by the Master-elect, shall be immediately installed or invested, if present.

The Secretary shall prepare and deliver to the Master-elect a list of the members of the amalgamated Lodge, which shall be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary within one month after the amalgamation. Every member of any of the Lodges amalgamated shall be a member of the amalgamated Lodge, but any member may pay all his dues and withdraw before such amalgamation has been effected. Any member under suspension for any cause shall have the same rights in the amalgamated Lodge as he would have had in his own Lodge had such amalgamation not taken place.

Certificates.

255. The following Grand Lodge certificates may be issued :

To a brother upon being registered in the books of Grand Lodge as having been initiated, passed and raised in a Lodge.

To a brother who, either as an Entered Apprentice or as a Fellow Craft hailing from a foreign jurisdiction, has become a joining member of a Lodge, and who therein has received the remaining degree or degrees.

To a member of a Lodge which has ceased to meet, to enable him to affiliate with another Lodge : such certificate to state the fact that he was a member, that he had been registered, and that his Grand Lodge dues are paid.

To any Past Master under this Grand Lodge who desires the same and pays therefor one dollar into the funds of Grand Lodge.

256. All Grand Lodge certificates shall be issued by the Grand Secretary, with the seal of Grand Lodge attached, and shall be in such form as the Board of General Purposes may from time to time direct.

257. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of Grand Lodge.

258. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid.

259. No brother shall obtain a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of Masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

260. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

261. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary, and if the name of a brother wishing for a certificate has not been previously registered the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

Masonic Clothing.

262. The following Masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft :

Aprons.

Entered Apprentice.—A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament; white strings.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lambskin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason.—The same, with sky-blue lining and edging one and a half inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or orna-

ment shall be allowed except to Officers and Past Officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in sky-blue in the centre of the apron.

The Master and Past Masters of Lodges.—To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Master's apron perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of apron, or of silver. If grand or past grand officers, similar emblems of garter blue and gold.

Grand Stewards of the Year.—Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, lined with crimson, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels, with the emblems of their office in silver and crimson in the center. The fringe of silver.

Other appointed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Apron of the same dimensions, lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold and blue in the centre. The frings of gold bullion.

District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—Aprons lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat, embroidered in the centre, and acacia and seven-eared wheat, embroidered on the edging, one on each side. The fringe of gold bullion.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblem of his office in gold within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in the centre, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered on the edging. The fringe of gold bullion.

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, bound with gold and gold tassels, and to be ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and the lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery: The fringe of gold bullion.

Collars.

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by nine stars.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by seven stars.

- District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasrer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered with the seven-eared wheat and the acacia in gold, one on each side.
- Grand Stewards of the Year.—Collars of crimson, four inches broad, bound with silver lace.
- Other appointed Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, and bound with gold lace.
- Lodge Officers.—Collars of light blue ribbon, four inches broad. If silver chain be used for W. M. it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.

Gauntlets.

- All Elected Grand Officers, Present and Past.—Gauntlets of garter blue, bound with gold, and the jewel of their office, within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in gold on the face.

Jewels.

- Grand Master.—The compasses extended to 45 degrees, with the segment of a circle at the points, and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle, also irradiated.
- Past Grand Master—A similar jewel without the gold plate.
- Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.
- Past Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square only.
- District Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre, the whole to be placed within a circle, on which is the name and number of the district.
- Past District Deputy Grand Master.—The same, omitting the five-pointed star in the centre.
- Grand Senior Warden, Present and Past.—The level.
- Grand Junior Warden, Present and Past.—The plumb.
- Grand Chaplain, Present and Past.—A book on the triangle.
- Grand Treasurer, Present and Past.—A chased key.
- Grand Secretary, Present and Past.—Crossed pens with a tie.
- Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—A scroll.
- Grand Deacons, Present and Past.—Dove and Olive Branch.
- Grand Superintendent of Works, Present and Past.—A semi-circle protractor.
- Grand Director of Ceremonies, Present and Past.—Crossed rods.
- Grand Sword Bearer, Present and Past.—Crossed swords.
- Grand Organist, Present and Past.—A lyre.
- Grand Pursuivant, Present and Past.—Arms of Grand Lodge, with rod and sword crossed.
- Grand Standard Bearers, Present and Past.—Two staves crossed, tied by a ribbon, flowing from them two standards of the arms of Grand Lodge.

The jewels of the Grand Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Senior Deacon, Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Sword Bearer, Organist, Pursuivant and Standard Bearer, are to be within a circle, with an embossed wreath, composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn; and of the

Grand Junior Deacon, Assistant Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Assistant Grand Organist, to be similar to those of their senior and superior officers, the wreath on the circle being omitted.

The jewel of the Grand Stewards of Grand Lodge is a cornucopia, between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle on which is engraven, "Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario."

Grand Tyler.—The sword in a circle, on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Grand Tyler."

All the above jewels to be gold or gilt.

Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters are entitled to wear pendent to their collars the jewel designating their past rank; all other Past Grand Officers to wear their collar without a pendent jewel, a similar but smaller jewel in enamel to be worn on the breast.

Masters of Lodges.—The square.

Past Masters.—The square and the diagram of the 47th Prob. 1st book Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendent within.

Senior Warden.—The level.

Junior Warden.—The plumb.

Chaplain.—A book on a triangle.

Treasurer.—The key.

Secretary.—The crossed pens.

Deacons.—The dove.

Director of Ceremonies.—The crossed rods.

Organist.—The lyre.

Inner Guard.—The crossed swords.

Stewards.—The cornucopia.

Tyler.—The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

In Grand Lodge and on all occasions where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, they shall wear the following Masonic clothing and insignia :

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, with nine stars, over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, with seven stars, over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

District Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past, Grand Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar, Present and Past.—Blue collar, gauntlets, apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

Grand Stewards of the Year.—Crimson collar and apron, all bound in silver, and jewel.

All other Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Blue collar and apron, all bound in gold, and jewel.

All collars, chains and jewels described in this section must be made strictly according to the respective designs given in the plates appended hereto.

Undress Clothing.

The following undress regalia and insignia may be worn by Past Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge.

Aprons.

- Past Grand Master.—A plain white lambskin, eighteen inches wide, sixteen inches deep, inclusive of a four-inch garter blue ribbon border, ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in blue silk in the centre, with three levels in blue silk, and gilt chain tassels.
- Past Deputy Grand Master.—Apron of same dimensions, with the square and compass embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past District Deputy Grand Master.—Apron of the same dimensions, bordered with four-inch wide garter blue ribbon, with the name or number of the district in a circle, surmounting a square and compass, embroidered in blue silk in the centre.
- Past Grand Senior Warden.—Apron of same dimensions, with the level, embroidered in blue silk, in the centre, with in a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Junior Warden.—Apron of same dimensions, with the plumb, embroidered in blue silk, in the centre, with a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Chaplain.—Apron of same dimensions, with the Book within the triangle, surmounting a glory or radiated star of 12 points.
- Past Grand Treasurer.—Apron of same dimensions, with key embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Secretary.—Apron of same dimensions, with two pens in saltire or crossed over, tied by a ribbon, within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Registrar.—Apron of same dimensions, with a scroll with seal appended, embroidered in blue silk in the centre within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Deacon.—Apron of same dimensions, with the dove and olive branch embroidered in blue silk in the centre of a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Superintendent of Work.—Apron of same dimensions, with a semi-circular protractor embroidered in blue silk within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Apron of same dimensions, with two rods in saltire or crossed over tied by a ribbon, embroidered in blue silk within a wreath of corn and acacia.
- Past Assistant Grand Secretary.—Same as Grand Secretary, but with the word "Assistant" placed above the crossed pens.
- Past Assistant Director of Ceremonies.—Same as Director of Ceremonies, but with the word "Assistant" above and between the two upper ends of the rods.
- Past Grand Sword Bearer.—Apron of same dimensions, with two swords in saltire or crossed over, embroidered in blue silk within a wreath of corn and acacia in the centre.

- Past Grand Organist.**—Apron of same dimensions, with a lyre or harp embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia, in the centre.
- Past Grand Pursuivant.**—Apron of same dimensions, with arms of Grand Lodge surmounting a sword and rod, saltire or crossed, embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia in the centre.
- Past Grand Stewards.**—Apron of same dimensions, but with crimson edging four inches wide with a flap, bordered with ribbon two inches wide and levels of crimson silk and silver tassels hanging from this with crimson ribbon, no embroidery in the centre.
- Past Grand Standard Bearer.**—Apron of similar dimensions, with the two staves in saltire, tied by a ribbon flowing from the dexter, a standard of the arms of the Grand Lodge, and from the sinister a standard of the arms of the Grand Master for the time being.

Collars and jewels.

All collars to be of plain garter blue ribbon, four inches wide, and appended the jewel of the office in an oval wreath of gold.

RULES OF GRAND LODGE.

1.—RULES RESPECTING TRIALS FOR MASONIC OFFENCES AND PROCEEDINGS THEREON.

Offences.

1. The following are Masonic offences :

Atheism.

Contempt for God and religion.

Any violation of the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of Grand Lodge.

Any violation of the By-laws of a Lodge by a member thereof.

Disobedience to those in authority or contemptuous language towards them.

Contemptuous expressions regarding Masonry.

Any intentional violation of the technical parts or points of the several Masonic obligations.

Any violation of the particular injunctions of the ritual or any of the landmarks of Masonry.

Improper revelations.

Countenance of imposters.

Masonic communion with clandestine Masons or irregular Lodges.

Violation of the secrecy of the ballot.

Undue solicitation of candidates.

Wronging a Mason by fraud.

Using a Masonic emblem as a trademark or business sign.

All public crimes and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude.

Drunkenness and profligacy.

Fighting.

Adultery and all lascivious association whether with the relative of a Mason or with a stranger.

Cruelty to wife or child.

Jurisdiction.

2. For any offence against the by-laws of his Lodge a Mason shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs.

3. For any other Masonic offence a Mason shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs, or by the Lodge nearest his place of residence, or by a commission to be appointed by the Grand Master.

4. A trial resulting in conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence.

Service of Papers.

5. Service of any brother of papers in connection with a Masonic trial or any appeal connected therewith, when such service is required by the rules, shall be effected in the following manner :

If the residence of the brother is known and he resides within the jurisdiction he shall be served personally.

If his residence is known and he resides out of the jurisdiction, he shall either be served personally or a copy of such paper shall be sent to him by mail prepaid and registered, addressed to him at his proper postoffice address.

If his residence is unknown a copy of such paper shall be sent to him by mail prepaid and registered addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or left at such known place of residence with a grown-up member of his family.

When a definite number of days' service by posting is required by any of the following rules, the day of posting the paper to be served shall count as one day.

The following rules shall apply to a trial by a Lodge, but shall also govern as far as applicable a trial by a commission.

Procedure.

6. A charge of Masonic offence shall be made in writing. It shall be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing. It shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged, and the time and place of its commission, and it shall be filed by the accuser with the Secretary of the Lodge which is to try the case.

7. The charge shall be read at the first regular meeting of the Lodge which shall occur after the lapse of ten clear days from the day on which the same is filed.

8. On a charge being filed with the Secretary of the Lodge, he shall with the summons for the next meeting, send notice to all the members thereof that such charge has been received and of the time when the same shall be read.

9. The proceedings in connection with the trial after charges have been filed shall, subject to the control of the Master of the Lodge, be conducted under the supervision of the Junior Warden, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules respecting Masonic trials are adhered to, that the accused brother has ample opportunity to prepare his defence, and that

the trial is brought to a close as expeditiously as may be reasonable.

10. When the charge shall be presented and read the Lodge shall decide by a majority vote whether it shall be accepted, and the accused brother be placed on trial, or shall be dismissed. If the charge is accepted it cannot be withdrawn except for good cause shown, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present. The charge shall not be amended except by a majority vote and on due notice to the accused.

11. Immediately upon the acceptance of a charge by a Lodge, the Master shall appoint the time and place of trial, and shall cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charge and the particulars, if any, and a notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof. The time shall be so fixed as to give the accused reasonable time to prepare his defence.

12. Should the accused neglect to attend at the time and place of trial after notice has been served on him, the Lodge may at the time in such notice specified proceed in his absence and conduct the proceedings to a final issue. Provided, that at least one regular meeting shall intervene between the time of serving such notice, and any action by the Lodge in pursuance thereof. In the absence of the accused the Lodge shall appoint a competent brother to act for him as his counsel or representative.

13. In every case where a flagrant offence shall be committed by any Mason present while the Lodge is at labor, the foregoing rules requiring notice and delay may be dispensed with, and the Master may order the offending brother to show cause instantly why he should not be punished, and may in his discretion proceed, or permit the Lodge to proceed to trial and suspension.

14. The trial of charges may proceed at any meeting appointed for the purpose. In case it be not completed at one meeting, it may be continued at any subsequent meeting to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

15. Every trial shall be prosecuted with as much despatch as the law governing the same and full justice to the accuser and the accused will permit.

16. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are Masons must be in good standing. They shall give their testimony on their honor as Masons.

17. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are not Masons must be of such religious belief as would justify their evidence being received in a Court of Justice. They shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

18. The rules respecting evidence in Courts of Justice shall apply as far as the same can be made applicable to evidence at Masonic trials.

19. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received at any Masonic trial.

20. The evidence of witnesses who are Masons may be taken in open Lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the Master. Witnesses who are not Masons shall be examined

only by a committee appointed for the purpose by the Master. In either case the accuser and the accused in person, or a brother Mason as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present and to examine or cross-examine the witnesses.

21. The testimony of any witnesses unable to attend the Lodge or committee may be taken by deposition before a Mason authorized by the Master to act in the matter, due notice of the time and place having first been given to all parties concerned.

22. It shall be the duty of the accuser and the accused to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not Masons; and through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge they may, when necessary, summon as a witness any resident Mason, whether he be a member of the Lodge or not.

23. When testimony is taken in open Lodge the Lodge shall be opened in the first degree; but the decision as to guilt or innocence, and the question of punishment, shall be severally determined in and by a Lodge of Master Masons.

24. The Master shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings; and the Secretary or other person appointed for that purpose by the Master shall take down in writing the evidence submitted by both the accuser and the accused and note all objections made by either. The evidence, objections and rulings shall be filed among the archives of the Lodge, and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the Lodge records.

25. At the conclusion of the evidence the accuser and the accused in person, or their counsel or representative may, if they desire, address such relevant remarks to the Lodge upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper; after which the accuser and the accused shall retire from the Lodge. Any member entitled to vote may express his views on the case and the law and the facts involved, and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the Lodge until after final action, except for urgent reasons and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

26. A committee for the purpose of taking evidence shall consist of not less than three members of the Lodge, any of whom may for reasonable cause to be fully explained by the objecting party may be removed by the Master, who shall appoint another in his place.

27. Every such committee shall select from their number a Chairman and Secretary, and when so organized shall have power, through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, to summon before them the accuser and the accused with their respective witnesses.

28. The proceedings of such committee shall be governed by the foregoing provisions as far as applicable. The duties of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge above prescribed shall apply to and may be discharged by the Chairman and Secretary of the committee.

29. The committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interests of Masonry and the full investigation of the complaint before them.

30. When the committee have concluded their labors they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the

Lodge; and upon the accuser and accused retiring any member of the Lodge present may express his views of the case, and may require any portion or the whole of the evidence to be read to enable him to come to a decision.

31. In case the accused brother shall plead guilty, such plea shall be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary; but such plea shall not excuse the Lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence.

32. No visitor shall attend the Lodge or committee for any purpose other than giving testimony during any of the proceedings of a Masonic trial, unless permission be granted by the Master or by the Lodge, or by the committee when the proceedings are before a committee.

Judgment.

33. At the conclusion of the trial the question of "guilty" or "not guilty" shall be immediately and distinctly put by the Master, upon each charge in its order, which shall be voted upon separately, and every member present must vote by ballot. It shall require a vote of a majority to sustain the charge.

34. If any charge shall be sustained the accused shall then and there be declared "guilty" and the Master shall put the question as to whether he shall be suspended indefinitely, suspended for a definite time, or reprimanded. Each of these questions shall be put separately, in the above order, if necessary, and shall be decided by a majority of the members present, all of whom must vote by ballot. The Lodge may also, by a like ballot, recommend to Grand Lodge that the offender be expelled.

35. When any Mason shall have been suspended by a Lodge he shall be notified of his suspension by the Secretary, who shall also immediately report the same to the Grand Secretary. When any brother shall have been acquitted he shall be notified of his acquittal by the Master in open Lodge, if present, and by the Secretary in writing.

Punishment.

36. The punishment which shall be inflicted by Lodges for a "Masonic offence" shall be in the discretion of the Lodge either "indefinite suspension," "definite suspension," or "reprimand," and must be inflicted by the vote of a majority of the members present.

37. The penalty of suspension and the duration thereof may be voted upon together or separately.

38. No "definite suspension" shall be voted for a longer term than three years, nor for a less term than three months.

39. "Reprimand" shall be the least Masonic punishment, and when voted by a majority of the members present shall be administered in open Lodge by the Master.

40. Suspension for any offence subjects the offender and his family during its continuance to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry.

Appeals.

41. The accuser or accused or any member of the Lodge may appeal from any verdict or sentence in the case rendered or

adjudged, or from any vote or decision of a Lodge or commission upon the subject of any charge, and such appeal may be made to the Grand Master or to Grand Lodge. If the appeal is to Grand Lodge it shall be heard at the first annual meeting thereof which occurs after the lapse of ten days from the time the notice of appeal is given.

42. The notice of appeal shall be in writing, shall be signed by the appellant and shall contain a statement of the case and the reasons of appeal. It shall be filed with the Grand Secretary within the time limited for serving notice of appeal.

43. The appellant shall give the Lodge appealed from, or the chairman of the commission notice of his intention to appeal within twenty-one days after notice of its action or decision has been served upon him, and the Secretary of such Lodge, under the direction of the Master, or the chairman of the commission, shall, at least ten days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, produce to the Grand Secretary, and also give to the appellant, and to any brother affected by the decision appealed from, if demanded, on payment of the sum of ten cents per folio therefor, a certified copy of all the charges, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

44. Should the appeal not be made in time for the next meeting of Grand Lodge held after the appeal is taken, it shall stand over until the next subsequent annual meeting of Grand Lodge, or it may be disposed of by the Grand Master during recess.

45. Upon hearing an appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may dismiss the appeal or affirm the decision appealed from, or

Modify or change a decision, or sentence, or inflict penalty where the constituent Lodge has failed to do so; or

Set aside the proceedings of the Lodge for informality and remand the case for further proceedings; or

Give such directions as may be reasonable and proper.

46. In all cases of appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may authorize the District Deputy Grand Master to investigate the case and report thereon with his opinion.

47. Whenever the Grand Master or Grand Lodge on a review of a trial or other proceedings of a Lodge, or a commission properly appointed, resulting in the suspension of a Mason, shall reverse or annul the judgment upon said proceedings, or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges and membership. When a case is remanded for a new trial no amendment shall be made to the original charges unless the accused have due and timely notice thereof.

Trial by Commission.

48. When a case is tried by commission the proceedings thereof shall be under its control. The charge shall be sent to the chairman of the commission by the Grand Secretary with the notice of the appointment thereof and with any special instructions which may be given by the Grand Master.

49. The Grand Master may at any stage of a case before verdict or judgment is pronounced withdraw a case from trial by a Lodge and refer the same to a commission for trial. The

commission shall, as nearly as practicable, follow the procedure laid down for trial by a Lodge, but shall have power to do all things necessary for the proper discharge of the duties entrusted to it. It shall have the same jurisdiction as the Lodges possess respecting the summoning of witnesses and the taking of evidence.

50. The commission shall decide upon the questions of guilt or innocence and punishment in the same manner as a Lodge is authorized to decide, and shall report its conclusions to the Grand Secretary to be laid before the Grand Master.

51. The accuser and accused shall have the same right of appeal as is given from the verdict or decision of a Lodge, and the proceedings on such appeal shall be similar to those on appeal from such verdict or decision.

Suspension Expulsion, Restoration.

52. Every Lodge shall communicate to the Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated all suspensions as they may severally occur.

53. A suspended Mason may be restored by Grand Lodge or by the Lodge in appeal which suspended him.

54. A Mason suspended indefinitely seeking restoration shall petition the Lodge by which he was suspended for his restoration. The petition shall be received at a regular meeting of the Lodge and shall lie over until the next regular meeting thereafter, before final action thereon.

55. The Secretary of the Lodge shall notify all the members of the Lodge of such petition at least one week before the meeting at which the question of restoration is to be voted upon.

56. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present for its adoption. Such vote shall be taken in a Lodge of Master Masons.

57. If the Lodge has ceased to exist the petition may be made direct to Grand Lodge.

58. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation, and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership and all rights and privileges thereof, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge.

59. In all cases of restoration by Grand Lodge the restored brother resumes the status of a non-affiliated brother.

60. In all cases of restoration by a Lodge the brother is restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his Lodge.

61. When a Lodge recommends to Grand Lodge, as provided in Rule 34, that a brother be expelled, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge, to be laid before the Board of General Purposes, which shall report thereon to Grand Lodge. Should the report confirm such recommendation and be adopted by Grand Lodge, the brother shall be summoned to appear before the Board of General Pur-

poses and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting thereof to show cause why he should not be expelled, and the Board, when the matter comes up for consideration, shall recommend to Grand Lodge such action in the matter as may seem just or expedient. Should such a recommendation and papers reach the Grand Secretary in sufficient time to admit of the service of a notice upon the convicted brother, the Grand Secretary shall serve a ten day's notice upon him, either personally or by registered letter addressed to him at his last known address, requiring him to show cause at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled for his offence.

62. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to see that the summons required by the preceding section is duly served.

63. Should a brother who has been expelled desire to be restored he may at any time after his sentence of expulsion file with the Grand Secretary, at least thirty days before an annual session of Grand Lodge, a petition which shall contain a copy of the charge upon which he was tried and a statement of the grounds upon which he seeks restoration. The petition must be accompanied by a favorable recommendation of the Lodge from which he was suspended, or the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he has continuously resided for the twelve months next preceding the presentation of his petition, passed by a two-thirds vote in and by a Lodge of Master Masons at a regular communication.

Masters and Lodges.

64. A Worshipful Master may be tried by his Lodge after the expiration of his official term for any Masonic offence (except official misconduct or a violation of his obligations). At all such trials the District Deputy Grand Master shall preside. All complaints for official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

65. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges, or between a Lodge and its Master, resulting in charges being preferred, or an informal complaint made, the same shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall forward the same to the Grand Master; if the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may appoint a commission of not more than seven nor less than three Masters, or Past Masters, with the District Deputy Grand Master as Chairman, unless there is good reason why he should not act, to investigate any charges or complaint. Such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Grand Master, and shall make such report and give such opinion to the Grand Master as will enable him to make a final decision.

66. When the Master or other officer of a Lodge shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

Non-Payment of Dues.

67. Any member of a Lodge who is in arrears for dues to such Lodge shall be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of such Lodge in respect to the same, and the Book of Constitution.

68. In case no provision has been made in the by-laws of a Lodge for notice to and procedure against a member for non-payment of dues, the following procedure shall be adopted :

69. In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to read out the name of such member in default at a regular meeting thereof, after which a special summons to appear at the next regular meeting of the Lodge to show cause why he should not be suspended, together with a statement of the amount of dues remaining unpaid, shall be sent to such member. Such summons shall be deemed duly served if mailed to the last known address of such member at least seven clear days before the next meeting.

70. In case such member shall not, before such next regular meeting of the Lodge, have paid the amount of such dues, and no such excuse be offered as the Lodge may deem sufficient, the Master shall forthwith declare such brother suspended for non-payment of dues, and the Secretary shall notify the brother and the District Deputy Grand Master of the district of such suspension.

71. If any excuse be offered, the Lodge shall decide by a majority whether the same is sufficient or not.

72. Any Mason suspended for non-payment of dues seeking reinstatement shall, on payment of dues, be restored to membership in accordance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge without presenting a petition; provided, that if a Lodge from which a Mason shall have been suspended for non-payment of dues has ceased to exist, a petition for reinstatement may be made to Grand Lodge.

II.—RULES RESPECTING GRANTS FOR BENEVOLENCE.

1. Grand Lodge grants to a brother or to relatives of a deceased brother are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the Lodge or Local Board of Relief recommending the application, and it shall be imperative to have given such aid during the twelve months last preceding the date of such application, to record the same in the minute book and to state the same in the application. Provided, that where a Lodge in its return shows that it has, during said period, given local aid, though such local aid was not given to the applicant or applicants, the same shall nevertheless be considered as aid given in compliance with this rule.

2. It shall be competent for one or more Lodges to form themselves into a Local Board of Relief, and for such Board to frame a code of by-laws and elect a Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer, and when the formation of such Board and its by-laws have been approved by the Board of General Purposes

the same shall be a duly constituted Local Board of Relief under Grand Lodge.

3. All applications for relief must be made upon a printed form, which will be furnished by the Grand Secretary when applied for. They shall be sent to, and be in the possession of the Grand Secretary before the first day of June immediately preceding the annual meeting of Grand Lodge in each and every year. It is imperative that the fullest possible information be given in the several blanks in such printed form, whether the application is made for the first time or for the renewal of a grant.

4. All applications for relief shall be made through a Lodge, and shall be signed by the Master and Secretary thereof, with the seal of the Lodge affixed, and in no case shall an application be made through an individual brother. And it shall be imperative for every Lodge intending to recommend an application for relief, to pass a resolution to that effect in open Lodge, record the same in its minute book, and attach to each application for relief a copy thereof, signed by the Master or presiding officer and the Secretary of the Lodge, and having the seal of the Lodge attached thereto. All applications for relief recommended by Lodges situated in any city or town in which there is a Local Board of Relief, acknowledged as such by Grand Lodge, shall be transmitted to Grand Lodge through the Local Board of Relief.

5. In cases of pressing need arising between meetings of Grand Lodge interim grants for purposes of temporary relief may be made by the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence with the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes.

6. Grants shall be payable in two equal half-yearly payments by cheques issued by the Grand Secretary, and signed by him and the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the President of the Board of General Purposes, in favor of the grantee and the Master of the Lodge, or of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Board of Relief, and such cheques shall require the endorsement of both the grantee and of the Master or Secretary-Treasurer (as the case may be) before being honored. In all cases in which grants are made payable through the Master of a Lodge, it shall be his duty to report to the Lodge the receipt of such cheque or cheques, and the Secretary shall record the report in the minute book of the Lodge. Whenever there is a Local Board of Relief, acknowledged as such by Grand Lodge, in any city or town, all grants made to parties recommended by any Lodge within the limit of such city or town, shall be made payable through the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Board of Relief. In special cases this rule may be varied by the chairman of the committee with the consent of the President of the Board.

7. All Lodges through whose Master, and all Local Boards of Relief through whose Secretary-Treasurer, cheques have been made payable shall, on or before the first day of June immediately preceding the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, forward to the Grand Secretary a return upon a printed form, which form shall be furnished by the Grand Secretary. In

such return there shall be shown in detail the whole amount of the grant or grants received during the current fiscal year, as also the whole amount in detail of the grant or grants paid over to the grantee or grantees during that period; together with such other information as may be required by the form of return. The return shall be signed by the Master and Secretary of such Lodge, and have its seal affixed thereto, or by the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Board of Relief.

8. No cheque for any subsequent grant shall be issued until the return of preceding grants shall have been received and found to be correct by the Committee on Benevolence or Board of General Purposes.

9. If any Lodge or Local Board of Relief neglect to make the return within one year from the date when such subsequent grant was made the grant shall be considered forfeited.

10. All forms of application and returns are from time to time to be prepared by the Board of General Purposes. The Board shall also from time to time decide upon the maximum amount of grants to be made in the various classes of cases.

11. No grant may be made to an unaffiliated brother, nor to relatives of a deceased brother who at the time of his death was an unaffiliated Mason, except in cases when it is shown that the brother was not at fault, or indifferent to his duty.

12. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master, on the occasion of his official visit to the Lodges in his district, to ascertain whether any cases of distress exist which should be recommended to Grand Lodge for relief, and if so, to direct the attention of the officers of the Lodge to these rules. It shall also be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master to direct the attention of the Lodges in his district through whose Masters cheques have previously been made payable, to the necessity of making proper return for such grants; and in all cases, of which he is advised, where such Lodges at any time have failed to make such return, he shall make due enquiry into the cause thereof, use his best endeavors to have the return forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and to report upon such enquiry to Grand Lodge.

13. Lodges or Local Boards of Relief which fail to comply with the foregoing rules have no claim for the consideration of applications for relief.

14. The Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence shall prepare and lay before the Board of General Purposes, at its first meeting, held immediately before each annual meeting of Grand Lodge, and for the purpose of being printed for the information of Grand Lodge, a report in such a form as may from time to time be devised by the Board of General Purposes, respecting the returns made by Local Boards of Relief and by Lodges, and the applications for relief recommended by the same.

PRAYERS.

Invocation—First Degree.

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our present convention, and grant

that this candidate for Masonry may so dedicate and devote his life to Thy service as to become a true and faithful brother among us. Endow him with a competency of Thy Divine wisdom, that, assisted by the secrets of this, our Masonic art, he may be better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. So mote it be.

Invocation—Second Degree.

We supplicate a continuance of Thine aid, O merciful God, on behalf of ourselves and of him who kneels before Thee. May the work begun in Thy name be continued to Thy glory, and evermore established in us by obedience to Thy holy precepts. So mote it be.

Invocation—Third Degree.

Almighty and Eternal Being, the glorious Architect and ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we, the frail creatures of Thy providence, humbly implore Thee to pour down on this convocation assembled in Thy holy name the continual dew of Thy blessing. More especially, we beseech Thee, to impart Thy grace to this Thy servant, who offers himself a candidate to partake with us the mysterious secrets of a Master Mason. Endow him with such fortitude that in the hour of trial he fail not, but pass him safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, that he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever. So mote it be.

THE CHARGES.

Charge to the Newly Initiated Candidate.

As you have now passed through the ceremony of your initiation, allow me to congratulate you on being admitted a member of our ancient and honorable society. Ancient, as having existed from time immemorial, and honorable because by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honorable who are strictly obedient to its precepts. Indeed, no institution can boast of a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests—the practice of social and moral virtue; and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced that in every age monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art; have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel; have patronized our mysteries and have joined our assemblies. As a Mason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duty you owe to God, to your neighbor, and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his creator, by imploring His aid in all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support. To your neighbor, by acting with him on the square, by rendering to him every kind office which justice

or mercy may require, by relieving his distresses, by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him as in similar cases you would wish he should do unto you ; and to yourself, by such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energies, thereby enabling you to exert those talents wherewith God has blessed you, as well to His glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

As a citizen of the world, I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of the state which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection ; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of your native land ; ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which you derived your birth and infant nurture.

As an individual I am further to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let prudence direct you, temperance chasten you, fortitude support you, and justice be the guide of all your actions, and be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic ornaments, benevolence and charity.

Still, however, as a Mason, there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed. Among the foremost of these are secrecy, fidelity and obedience.

Secrecy may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those Masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time, be entrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which may inadvertently lead you to do so.

Your fidelity must be exemplified by a strict observance of the constitutions of the Fraternity, by never attempting to extort or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree, and by refraining to recommend anyone to a participation of our secrets unless you have strong ground to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice.

So must your obedience be proved by a close conformity to our laws and regulations, by prompt attention to all signs and summonses, by modest and correct demeanor while in the Lodge, by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion, by ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by the brethren, and by perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens while acting in the discharge of their respective offices.

And, as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may enable you to become at once respectable in your rank of life, useful to mankind, and an ornament to the society of which you have this day been admitted a member ; to devote your leisure hours

more especially to the study of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station to consider yourself called on to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

From the very commendable attention which you appear to have given to this charge I am led to hope that you will appreciate the excellency of Freemasonry and print indelibly on your mind the sacred duties of truth, of honor, and of virtue.

Charge to the Newly Passed Candidate.

Brother. Being advanced to the second degree of Masonry, we congratulate you on your preferment. The internal and not external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards. As you increase in knowledge, so you will consequently improve in social intercourse. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the duties which, as a Mason, you are bound to discharge, or to enlarge on the necessity of a strict adherence to them, as your own experience may have established their value. It may be sufficient to observe that, as your past behaviour and regular deportment have merited the honor which we have conferred, in your new character it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of the Order, but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue. The study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration—especially geometry, which is established as the basis of our art. Geometry, or Masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine and moral nature, enriched with the most useful knowledge, so that while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality.

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour at our regular assemblies. You are to preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable, and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

The laws and regulations of the Order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of the brethren; but in the decision of every trespass against our rules, judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy.

As a Craftsman, in our private assemblies, you may offer your sentiments and opinion on such subjects as are regularly introduced in the lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced Master, who will guard the landmarks against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers, qualify yourself to become a useful member of society, and like a skillful Craftsman strive to excel in what is good and great.

You are to encourage industry and reward merit, supply the wants and relieve the necessities of brethren and fellows to the utmost of your power and ability, and on no account wrong them or see them wronged, but apprise them of ap-

proaching danger and view their interests as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a Craftsman, and these duties you are now bound, by the most sacred ties, to observe.

Charge to the Newly Raised Candidate.

Brother. Your zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the progress you have already made and your conformity to our general regulations, have pointed you out as a fit object of esteem and favor. In the Character of a Master Mason you are henceforth authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of your younger brethren and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society ought to be your constant care. You are to inculcate universal benevolence, and by the regularity of your behaviour afford the best example for the conduct of others. The ancient landmarks of the Order you are to preserve sacred and inviolable, and never suffer an infringement of our customs or a deviation from established usage.

Duty, honor and gratitude now bind you to your trust; let no motive, therefore, ever make you swerve from your duty, but be true and faithful and imitate the example of that celebrated artist whom you have once represented. Endeavor, in a word, to convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, and

Resolved, That the clauses providing for undress regalia be struck out, and that the draft Constitution as thus amended be adopted.

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for grand officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes:

R. W. BRO. J. B. NIXON.

W. Bro. E. F. Lazier, Temple Lodge, No. 324.

" W. A. Henderson, Victoria Lodge, No. 56.

" Donald Ross, St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131.

" M. A. Armstrong, Hanover Lodge, No. 432.

" George Stewart, Springfield Lodge, No. 259.

" H. E. N. Sinclair, Lebanon Lodge, No. 139.

" A. McBeth, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144.

" J. G. Harris, St. George's Lodge, No. 15.

" John Pearson, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16.

" H. Wright, North Star Lodge, No. 322.

" R. H. Revel, Windsor Lodge, No. 403.

" J. C. Scitt, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52.

- W. Bro. Horace Pratt, Doric Lodge, No. 58.
 " A. E. Taylor, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129.
 " J. R. Mencke, Palmer Lodge, No. 372.
 " H. M. Little, St. George's Lodge, No. 88.
 " George Muller, Springfield Lodge, No. 259.
 " Erland Lee, Wentworth Lodge, No. 166.
 " James Aylesworth, Lorne Lodge, No. 404.
 " H. T. Smith, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16.
 " J. B. Hay, Zetland Lodge, No. 326.
 " R. C. Harris, Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65.
 " T. A. G. Gordon, Alvinston Lodge, No. 323.
 " Fred. G. Perney, The Builders Lodge, No. 177.
 " J. A. Yorrick, Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27.
 " William Duncan, York Lodge, No. 156.
 " B. Cairns, Orient Lodge, No. 339.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3.15 o'clock p. m.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Walkem, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, and

Resolved, That the grant of \$200.00 made last year for the undress regalia be cancelled.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. W. Geo. Eakins for the faithful and most satisfactory performance by him during the past two years of the duties of Chairman of the Special Committee having in hand the revision of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and in addition thereto for the preparation by him personally of the very complete index to the new Constitution this

day adopted, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to R. W. Bro. Eakins by the Grand Secretary.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Committee of Management of the Hamilton Lodges for the holding of the Grand Annual Communication, and particularly to R. W. Bro. Hoodless, Chairman of the Committee for his untiring and successful performance by him of the duties of that office.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the following report of the names of brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes:

M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., Pembroke, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Frederick J. Howell, Hamilton, Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. Bro. Henry T. White, Toronto, Grand Junior Warden.

M. W. Bro. Elias T. Malone, K. C., Toronto, Grand Treasurer.

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. John Lawson, London, Grand Registrar.

R. W. Bro. Frederick E. Howitt, Hamilton, Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge—

Bro. James M. Pritchard, Toronto, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Barrie.

R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.

R. W. Bro. G. S. May, Ottawa.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Stratford.

Subsequently the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. William Roaf, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, Kingston.

R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, K. C., Bowmanville.

R. W. Bro. Levi Secord, Brantford.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the Representatives of Lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts, and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Crumb...	Chatham....	Erie	Dist. No. 1
" S. E. Cornell.....	Sarnia.....	St. Clair	" 2
" J. A. Tancock.....	London.....	London	" 3
" L. H. Dickson.....	Exeter.....	South Huron	" 4
" Peter McLaren.....	Paisley.....	North Huron	" 5
" J. R. Waddle.....	Port Dover...	Wilson	" 6
" W. G. Stephenson...	Guelph.....	Wellington	" 7
" J. O. McGregor, M.D..	Waterdown..	Hamilton	" 8
" A. D. Knight.....	Collingwood.	Georgian	" 9
" Robt. McDonald....	Hagersville..	Niagara	" 10
" E. M. Carleton, M.D..	Toronto.....	Toronto West	" 11
" Fred. W. Harcourt..	Toronto.....	Toronto East	" 11a
" J. W. Watson.....	Minden.....	Ontario	" 12
" W. N. Ponton.....	Belleville....	Pr. Edward	" 13
" W. S. Herrington, K.C.	Napanee.....	Frontenac	" 14
" W. H. Waddell.....	N. Augusta..	St. Lawrence	" 15
" A. S. Gorrell.....	Ashton.....	Ottawa	" 16
" Donald Robertson...	Rainy River..	Algoma	" 17
" H. D. Leask.....	North Bay...	Nipissing	" 18
" A. Carmichael, M.D..	Sundridge...	Muskoka	" 19
" John Hull.....	Lakefield....	Otonabee	" 20
" A. M. Fulton.....	Chesterville..	Eastern	" 21

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Toronto was unanimously chosen as the meeting place of the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins, and

Resolved, That M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson be the Grand Historian of Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATION OF D. D. G. M's.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro.

Hugh Murray to instruct the newly-installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally.

BEQUEST TO GRAND LODGE.

M. W. Bro. Walkem presented the following form of bequest:

I give and bequeath to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, the sum of to be handed over by them to the said Grand Lodge and placed to the credit of the Benevolent Fund thereof, to be used for any purpose for which such Benevolent Fund is or may hereafter be used, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the said Grand Lodge.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Walkem, seconded by R. W. Bro. Eakins, and

Resolved, That the form of Bequest to Grand Lodge be received and adopted.

THANKS TO BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon and the worshipful brethren who have been associated with him, for the careful and satisfactory performances of their duties as Scrutineers.

THANKS TO BOARD OF CREDENTIALS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Board of Credentials for their arduous services during the meeting of Grand Lodge.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. BENJAMIN ALLEN.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, Past Grand Master, in recognition of his valuable services to the Craft during his term of office.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following committee for this purpose:

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, M. W. Bros. E. T. Malone and Hugh Murray.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. Thomas Lester for acting as Grand Senior Warden during the whole of this session of Grand Lodge.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments for the ensuing year:

- V. W. Bro. John G. Forgie, Pembroke, Grand Senior Deacon.
- " Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Grand Junior Deacon.
- " Thomas W. Barber, Toronto, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- " Simeon Gove, Aultsville, Assistant Grand Secretary.
- " Albert J. Brown, Comber, Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- " David Collins, Galt, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " Peter McG. Brown, Camlachie, Grand Organist.
- " Wilfrid B. Race, Watford, Grand Superintendent of Works.
- " Wm. J. Bruce, Kincardine, Asst. Grand Organist.
- " Wm. Wickett, St. Thomas, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Franklin Smoke, Paris, Grand Steward.
- " Thomas Pedler, Hamilton, Grand Steward.
- " Wm. H. Tudhope, Orillia, Grand Steward.
- " Robt. G. Hoover, Thorold, Grand Steward.
- " Geo. K. Clemens, Toronto, Grand Steward.
- " Albert J. Davis, Port Perry, Grand Steward.
- " Chas. J. Wensley, Campbellford, Grand Steward.
- " John Smeaton, Kingston, Grand Steward.
- " John Dunlop, Merrickville, Grand Steward.
- " Herbert W. Wilson, Ottawa, Grand Steward.
- " Thos. J. Cherry, Keewatin, Grand Steward.
- " Wm. L. Nichols, Thessalon, Grand Steward.
- " Jabez H. Elliott, Gravenhurst, Grand Standard Bearer.
- " Jos. F. Pearce, Norwood, Grand Standard Bearer.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 4.45 o'clock p. m. in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24,

Also Receipts From Lodges for the Year Ended 31st

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival

No of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	aNiagara	Niagara	W. on or b.f.m	B. P. St. John	F. W. Cowley.....
3	aThe An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday..	Geo. Creegan	G. W. H. Comer....
5	aSussex	Brockville	3rd Monday	Henry Rath	Geo. K. Dewey
6	The Barton	Hamilton	1st Friday	Geo. Moore	Geo. H. Bull.....
7	Union	Grimsb'y	Th. on or b.f.m	A. F. Hawke	A. E. Phipps.....
9	aUnion	Napanee	F. on or b.f.m	W. S. Herrington	Wm. A. Grange.....
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b.f.m	Hugh P. Innes	J. Porter
11	aMoira	Belleville	W. on or b.f.m	E. F. Milburn	John Newton
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth	1st Monday	W. J. McKerr'ch'r	F. V. Buffam
15	St. George's.....	St. Cathar'n's	Tu. on or b.f.m	Kenneth F. Vine	A. N. Lindsay
16	aSt. Andrew's.....	Toronto	2nd Tuesday	John Burash	J. T. Slater
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg	Tu. on or b.f.m	John W. C. Odell	Robert Buck
18	aPrince Edward...	Pictou	Th. on or b.f.m	G. M. Hermiston	R. H. Hubbs.....
20	aSt. Johns.....	London	2nd Tuesday	John Tambling	M. D. Dawson
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. S. Bennett	K. D. Macleod
22	aKing Solomon's...	Toronto	2d Thursday	Frank Maile	Norman Elder
23	Richmond	Richm'd Hill	M. on or b.f.m	David Hill	H. A. Nicholls....
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	F. on or b.f.m	Oscar Coghlan	J. A. Houston
25	aIonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday	K. J. Dunstan	H. Mowat
26	aOntario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday	F. H. Brown	W. J. Robertson
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	3rd Friday	Frank Hills	Wm. C. Morton
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville	W. b.f.m	W. L. Phelps	S. H. Guest
29	aUnited	Brighton	Th. on or b.f.m	H. E. M. Lovett	B. C. H. Becker..
30	aComposite	Whitby	1st Thursday	W. J. H. Rich'dson	R. S. Cormack
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville	W. on or b.f.m	J. S. Moorecraft	C. B. Kent
32	aAmity	Dunnville	W. on or a.f.m	E. J. Aikins	R. W. Riley
33	aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday	John Galt	G. L. Parsons
34	aThistle	Amherstb'rg	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. W. Marsh	A. L. Bennett
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga	Th. on or a.f.m	Benj. Bunn	W. U. Anthony
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll	1st Friday	J. W. Patterson	R. T. Agar
38	aTrent	Trenton	Tuesday b.f.m	J. H. Campbell	R. H. Spencer
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin	Tu. on or b.f.m	Chas. Calder	John J. Moore.....
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton	3rd Thursday	C. H. Zimmerm'n	W. J. McAllister
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville	Th. on or b.f.m	F. J. Voaden	Geo. Rumble
42	aSt. George's.....	London	1st Thursday	W. A. Tanner	A. Ellis
43	aKing Solomon's...	Woodstock	1st Tuesday	F. W. Bean	A. McGachie
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	P. S. Minshali	L. Slater
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday	J. B. Gamble, M.D.	Geo. Whitwill
46	aWellington	Chatham	1st Monday	A. E. Jewet	Alex. Gregory
47	aGreat Western	Windsor	Th. on or b.f.m	Arth'r Kilpatrick	Geo. E. White
48	aMadoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. H. M. Conner	A. H. Watson
50	aConsecon	Consecon	F. on or b.f.m	W. W. Locie	J. K. Osborn
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday	John C. Scott	C. S. Scott
54	aVaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. B. Maclean	L. Richardson
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. J. Jhnst'n, M.D.	G. B. Magee
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	1st Tuesday	W. A. Henderson	F. C. Watson
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	W. on or b.f.m	Arch. Jarvis	J. F. Senn
58	aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday	Horace Pratt	R. O. Croll
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	W. W. Barlow	Burwell Griffin
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m	James McGregor	John Thompson
63	aSt. John's.....	Carleton Place	2d Wednesday	W. J. Muirhead	A. T. Hudson
64	aKilwinning	London	3rd Thursday	W. W. Gammage	John Overell
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	1st Thursday	R. C. Harris	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	aDurham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b.f.m	Alex. McLeod	Jas. K. Allen
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	David Owen	S. M. Douglas
69	Stirling	Stirling	Th. after f.m.	S. S. Ashley	G. W. Bailey
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	W. J. Taggart	A. J. Oliver
73	aSt. James	St. Marys	1st Monday	A. C. Jackson	J. A. Donald
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta	M. nearest f.m.	G. A. Manhard	W. R. Collier
75	St. John's.....	Toronto	1st Monday	Alex. Fraser	James Knowles
76	aOxford	Woodstock	2d Monday	W. J. Pannell	Robt. Anderson
77	aFaithful Brethr'n	Lindsay	1st Friday	James H. Begg	R. G. Cornell
79	aKing Hiram.....	Tilsonburg	W. on or b.f.m	A. L. Baker	A. E. Raynes
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	4th Monday	Geo. G. Green	A. E. Scanlon
81	aSt. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	Tu. on or b.f.m	T. A. McEvoy	Thomas C. West
82	St. John's.....	Paris	2nd Tuesday	R. G. Macphers'n	S. Y. Taylor

1905. AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.

May, 1905, and Ledger Balances at that Date.

of St. John the Evangelist: all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. D.	S. U. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total Memb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
2	4	4	5	1	1	1	1				67	Dec. '04	\$ 2 00		\$ 62 75
3	4	5	16	5	1	2	5			2	153	"		3 00	98 25
5	12	15	11	1	2	6	1			3	198	"			166 75
6	12	18	7	1	1					1	313	Jun1904			212 50
7	9	9	7	1	1						83	Dec. '04			45 00
9	3	2	1	3	2	1					106	"			66 50
10	8	7	4	2	1	1					118	"		4 00	72 25
11	9	8	11	1	1	2				1	178	"			139 50
14	8	10	6		1	1					98	"			67 50
15	4	5	11		2	2		1			103	Jun1904			86 00
16	16	15	15	5	8	3	3			1	318	Dec. '04			2-2 50
17	7	8	7		2	1					88	Jun1904			69 00
18	13	13	10	3	4	2	4			1	231	Dec. '04		75	169 00
20	10	13	15		1	2	8			1	197	"	1 00		144 50
21a	5	5	4	1	6	1					66	"		2 00	65 50
22	18	24	25	3	3	4	4			5	244	"	3 00		183 25
23	3	1	1		1		1				40	Jun1904			23 75
24	11	6	3	1	1	1				1	135	Dec. '04	25		59 25
25	15	17	13	9	3	4					257	"		1 50	218 50
26	8	7	8	1	3	3					113	"			83 25
27	22	22	23	6	5	3	2				359	"			324 25
28	7	6	5		1	1	1				52	"			1 85
29	4	4	4	2	1	1					105	"			70 25
30	1	2	2		1	1	3				69	"	1 25		43 25
31	10	10	10	8	1	1					87	"		6 25	70 25
32	8	11	13	1	4	2	3			3	96	"			115 00
33	6	3	5		5	4	4				119	Jun1904			96 00
34	15	10	5		1	3					77	"	4 00		46 00
35	2	2	1	1	3	1	3			1	59	Dec. '04	16 25		20 00
37	21	13	13	1	2	2	2			2	119	"		2 00	84 75
38	5	4	4		3		2				90	Jun1904			63 50
39	2										30	Dec. '04		50	19 50
40	19	20	20	4	8	1					395	"			270 25
41	5	1	2		2	4	4			2	96	"		1 50	77 25
42	5	5	2		1	4	4				83	"			145 50
43	8	8	2		4	1					197	"			85 50
44	18	20	20	2	6	5	2			3	222	"			148 25
45	17	14	20	3	8	7					188	"		1 50	151 75
46	6	8	9		7	1	2				159	"			107 25
47	26	23	20	1	1	5	4			2	266	"		2 00	188 75
48	5	4	3	1	2						110	Jun1904			71 50
50	9	7	6	4						1	54	Dec 04		1 00	58 75
52	18	14	11	2	3	6					164	Jun1904		2 00	141 00
54	5	4	3		3	1					39	Dec. '94			35 75
55	2	1	1		1	1					74	"			54 50
56	20	15	12	1		4					196	"		17 00	159 50
57	1	1	1		3						53	"			30 50
58	24	21	19	7	4						127	"	25		121 00
61	26	21	23	5	2	5	4			1	334	"		10 50	269 75
62	2	2		3		1				1	51	"	13 75		27 25
63	16	13	13	1	4	2				2	161	"			114 25
64	13	7	6	4		3	4			2	194	Jun1903		50	109 50
65	21	20	18	3	5	6	3			2	292	Dec. '94	4 00		203 00
66	11	3	2		3						21	"			30 00
68	3	2	1		1	3					79	"			55 50
69											67	Jun1904	10 00		48 75
72											121	"			66 75
73	5	4	4		1		1			1	81	"			62 50
74	5	3	3								60	Dec. 94		3 00	53 50
75	30	31	27	6		5	2				276	"		1 00	387 50
76	13	10	9	1	9	3	2			2	149	"		2 00	111 75
77	12	10	10	4	1	4				1	131	"			102 50
78	5	7	5	1	5	1				3	136	"			65 25
79	1	1	3		3		1			1	65	"			57 00
81	10				1	1	1			1	66	Jun1904			37 75
82	3	4	4	5	1		1				64	Dec. '94			39 00

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1905,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	aBeaver	Strathroy	F. a.f.m.	H. Pope	R. F. Richardson
84	Clinton	Clinton	F. on or a.f.m	J. A. Ford	Andrew Porter
85	aRising Sun	Athens	Th. on or b.f.m	C. B. Little	Jas. Ross
86	aWilson	Toronto	3rd Tuesday	R. F. Segsworth	S. McK. Brown
87	Markham Union	Markham	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. Wood	K. A. Mason
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	W. on or b.f.m	H. M. Little	Jo'n M. Campbell
90	aManito	Collingwood	W. on or a.f.m	A. H. Johnson	R. A. Stephens
91	aColborne	Colborne	F. on or b.f.m	Frank L. Webb	Geo. Keyes
92	aCatarqui	Kingston	2d Wednesday	A. E. Frappe	Robt. Hendry
93	aNorthern Light	Kincardine	1st Wednesday	W. J. Bruce, M.D.	R. D. Hall
94	aSt. Mark's	Port Stanley	2d Tuesday	Alex. Taylor	W. H. Farr
96	aCorinthian	Barrie	1st Thursday	James Shrubsole	Alfred Wilkes
97	aSharon	Sharon	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. G. Hill	B. F. Pearson, M.D.
98	True Blue	Bolton	F. on or a.f.m	Jos. Hill	A. E. Bolton
99	aTuscan	Newmarket	2d Wednesday	J. R. Y. Broughton	N. L. Rogers
100	Valley	Dundas	2nd Monday	W. H. Bates	F. A. Latshaw
101	aCorinthian	Peterboro	3rd Friday	H. R. H. Kenner	Duncan Walker
103	aMaple Leaf	5 Catharines	Last Thursday	Thos. P. Blain	H. J. Johnston
104	St. John's	Norwich	W. on or a.f.m	C. G. Hulet	G. W. Poldon
105	aSt. Mark's	N. Falls S'th.	Tu. on or b.f.m	D. W. Mitchell	R. Sloggett
106	aBurford	Burford	W. on or b.f.m	Chas. Pratt	Geo. Armstrong
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	W. on or b.f.m	J. Crinklaw	H. Poole
108	Blenheim	Princeton	F. on or a.f.m	J. O. Reid	F. J. Daniel
109	aAlbion	Har'ow Smith	F. on or b.f.m	F. S. Ruttan, M.D.	J. T. McKim
110	aCentral	Prescott	1st Tuesday	Chas. Baker	H. H. Wells
113	aWilson	Waterford	W. on or b.f.m	John Matchett	R. D. Gibson
114	aHope	Port Hope	1st Friday	V. B. Coleman	Thos. H. Bell
115	aIvy	Beamsville	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. Karr	A. N. Myer
116	aCassia	Thedford	M. on or b.f.m	A. J. Grant, M. D.	W. Bryant
118	Union	Schomberg	M. on or b.f.m	Francis Attridge	W. J. Brereton
119	aMaple Leaf	Bath	M. before f. m	H. S. Northmore	F. W. Armstrong
120	Warren	Fingal	Tu. on or b.f.m	Dr. Silcox	D. Cameron
121	aDoric	Brantford	3rd Friday	Geo. U. Baird	Jas. C. Spence
122	aRenfrew	Renfrew	1st Monday	H. Coolican	M. McKinnon
123	aThe Belleville	Belleville	1st Thursday	J. S. Peck	David Barragar
125	aCornwall	Cornwall	1st Wednesday	B. Eastwood	Jo'n Ridley
126	aGolden Rule	Cam'rbelford	Tu. on or b.f.m	Walter Hill	Robt. Boyes
127	aFrank	Frankford	M. before f. m	H. V. Malone	Jno. W. Rose
128	aPembroke	Pembroke	1st Thursday	D. W. Campbell	H. S. Bowden
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	1st Friday	W. H. Birchard	J. J. M. Butler
131	aSt. Lawrence	Southern ton	Tu. on or a.f.m	K. Montgomery	John McVitte
133	aLebanon Forest	Exeter	M. on or b. f. m	W. C. Hueston	C. H. Sanders
135	aSt. Clair	Milton	Th. on or b.f.m	J. H. Peacock	W. I. Dick
136	Richardson	Stouffville	Th. on or b.f.m	A. G. Brown	J. W. Shankel
137	aPythagoras	Meaford	F. nearest f.m	R. F. White	J. Patterson
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	2nd Tuesday	J. H. Dalton	A. R. McLean
140	aMalahide	Aylmer	W. on or b.f.m	W. E. N. Sinclair	C. T. Burdick
141	aTudor	Mitchell	Tu. on or b.f.m	Thos. E. Henry	A. J. Blows
142	aExcelsior	Morrisburg	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Barkley	A. W. Massey
143	aFriendly Brothers	Iroquois	Wednes' b.f.m	A. L. Feader	A. B. Carman
144	aTecumseh	Stratford	3rd Friday	A. M. Campbell	Chris. McLellan
145	aJ. B. Hall	Millbrook	Th. on or b.f.m	W. Montgomery	Geo. S. Carveth
146	aPrince of Wales	Newburgh	Wednes' b.f.m	Chas. Wellbanks	G. A. Aylesworth
147	aMississippi	Almonte	1st Friday	J. K. Kelly	N. Washburn
148	aCivil Service	Ottawa	2d Tuesday	Walter Rowan	S. A. Dunlevie
149	aErie	Port Dover	M. on or b.f.m	J. R. Davis	J. Varey
151	aThe Grand River	Berlin	2d Tuesday	A. Werner	G. DeKleinhaus
153	aBurns	Wyoming	Th. on or b.f.m	Arch. Fisher	J. M. Wilson
154	aIrving	Lucan	Th. on or b.f.m	Hy A. Thomas	Rev. J. A. Ayearst
155	aPeterboro'	Peterboro'	1st Friday	R. F. Morrow, M.D.	W. H. Walkey
156	aYork	N. Toronto	3rd Friday	W. S. Dalby	Wm. Duncan
157	Simpson	Newboro	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. S. Johnson	G. S. Wrathall
158	aAlexandra	Oil Springs	Thursd' a.f.m	S. G. Jackson	W. S. Duggan
159	aGoodwood	Richmond	1st Tuesday	C. Saddington	Chas. L. Riley
161	aPercy	Warkworth	Wednes' b.f.m	Robt. B. Dawson	John L. Gaffield
162	Forest	Wroxeter	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Allen	Chas. Sanderson

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodges	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M'emb's	Last et'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
83	11	7	6	2	2	1				1	104	Dec. '04	\$ 1 10		\$72 15
84	3	3	2		1	1					68	Jun'904			48 50
85	4	6	5		1						58	"			55 50
86	16	15	19		4	2					214	Dec. '04			127 75
87	11	8	5	3	1						61	Jun'904			38 00
88	3	5	10	1	4	4	4			5	129	Dec. '04	\$ 1 00		144 75
90	8	6	4	1	1	2					158	"	1 00		98 75
91	5	6	5			3	1			4	90	"			53 00
92	16	12	10	5	1	1	2			2	163	"			122 00
93	5	5	5	2	1	2	7			5	88	"	25		49 50
94	4	4	3	1	1						49	"		25	24 50
96	9	10	8	1	3		7				164	"			103 50
97	3	3	3		2	1				1	54	Jun'904			37 50
98	1	4	3		5	2					54	"			53 50
99	4	3	3	3		1					72	"	39 50		20 00
100	9	4	5	1	4		2			2	105	Dec. '04			70 25
101	5	6	10	3	7	2					108	"			86 50
103	17	17	19		2	3				1	156	"			124 25
104	1	1				3	1				74	"			45 25
105	19	11	10	2	1	5	2				92	"		1 00	74 25
106	4	4	2	1	1						71	Jun'904		2 00	46 50
107	2	3	4			1	13			1	61	Dec. '04	17 50		43 75
108	2	2	1		1						30	"	1 00		14 25
109	2	2	1	1			1				68	"			41 25
110	5	7	5	1	3	3	6				98	"			68 00
113	8	7	6	1	1	1	1			1	113	"		1 00	81 50
114	5	6	5		4						95	"			78 00
115	8	8	7	1	4		1				93	"			72 50
116	2	2	2	1							40	Jun'904	1 00		18 50
118	9	6	4				1				30	"			14 50
119	7	8	7			1					47	Dec. '04		1 00	58 25
120	2	2	2								52	"			36 75
121	47	33	30	11	1	4				3	308	"	25		247 25
122	6	7	6	2	1	4	1				118	"	1 25		76 25
123	12	14	10	3	1	3				1	157	"			95 50
125	4	5	7			1					104	"			97 75
126	4	2	2	1	4						45	Jun'904			24 75
127	1	5	7		4	1					84	Dec. '04	19 00		135 50
128	4	5	6		2	3					140	"		3 00	111 25
129	7	6	6		2	1					69	Jun'904	41 75		54 50
131	8	8	9				1				72	Dec. '04		25	58 00
133	4	4	4	2		4					83	"			52 25
135	17	13	6	1	2						92	Dec. '03			
136	7	8	8	3	3		3				60	Dec. '04	1 50		51 25
137	5	5	9								93	Jun'904			65 50
139	5	5	5		2	2	1				70	Dec. '04			48 75
140	11	10	8		9		1			1	106	Jun'904		3 00	83 50
141	1	2	2	2			3			4	41	Dec. '04		1 50	26 25
142	3	2	3	1		2	6			1	60	"	2 00		48 25
143	4	2	2	4	3		6			3	96	"		4 50	84 50
144	14	11	10	4	3	3	2				145	"			130 25
145	2	2	2			1					50	"			28 00
146	1	1	1		2						36	"		5 00	23 25
147	6	5	5	1		1					86	"			53 75
148	9	6	8	2	6	2	2				99	"		3 00	72 50
149	8	5	3	3		2	4			1	63	"		6 40	82 25
151	13	11	7	4	4	1					139	"		9 50	141 25
153	13	11	8			2	3			1	95	Jun'904	3 25		54 00
154	3	5	6	1	3	1	3				73	Dec. '04		2 50	61 50
155	6	14	12	13	1		1			1	192	"		25	131 00
156	16	13	11		2	1				1	111	"	2 00		97 25
157	4	5			1						68	Jun'904			55 50
158						1	6				54	Dec. '04			31 00
159	4	5	6		9					10	70	"			56 25
161	5	5	6		4						71	"		2 00	133 00
162	3	4	4		2						39	"		1 50	38 75

RETURN OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1905,

No of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting	W. Master.	Secretary.
164	aStar in the East	Wellington...	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. J. Gerow	W.W.Fitzgerald.
165	aBurlington	Burlington...	W. on or b.f.m	W. H. Easterbr'k	F. W. Taylor
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Stewart	R. H. Dewar
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m	B. A. Pattison	John Coulson ..
169	aMacnab	Pt. Colborne	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. R. Tuck	John Cook
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	1st Monday...	R.E.Cooper,M.D.	L. C. Jackson ..
171	aPrince of Wales	Lawre'ce St'n	F. on or a.f.m	Hugh Turner	D. C. Campbell ..
172	aAyr	Ayr.	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. A. Reid	J. P. Wyllie
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan.	Th.on or b.f.m	W. O. Franklin...	Jas. Ryan
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	2d Friday	F. E. Perney	H. H. Cairns ..
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville ..	F. on or b.f.m	L. W. Craig	W. R. Henderson
180	aSpeed	Guelph	1st Tuesday...	Thos. E Rundle	Wm. Parker
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Ker	M. G. Burwell ..
184	aOld Light	Lucknow...	Th.on or b.f.m	D. H. Lawrence.	A. B. Macleod ..
185	aEnniskillen	York	M. on or b.f.m	Melvin Runchey.	C. J. Martindale.
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet.	M. on or b.f.m	H. D. Dwyer	John Smith
190	Belmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m	E. A. Procanier	Jas. McMillan ..
192	aOrillia	Orillia	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. Rapley	J. A. Fowle
193	aScotland	Scotland	M. on or b.f.m	J. A. Messecar ..	J. H. M. Vaughan
194	aPetrolea	Petrolea	2d Wednesday	C. F. Reid	Mathew Smith...
195	aThe Tuscan	London	1st Monday...	W.F. Hungerford	Hon. E. Maingalt
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	2d Monday...	Geo. H. Larivee.	W.F. Mackay,M.D.
197	aSaugen	Walkerton	2d Tuesday...	John Grainger ..	Hy. B. Currie...
200	St. Alban's.	MountForest	F. on or b.f.m	W. G. Lowry	E. B. Yule
201	aLeeds	Gananoque..	Tu.on or b.f.m	T. M. Cornett ..	R. G. Graham ..
203	Irvine	Elora	3rd Friday...	N. C. Wallace,M.D	Edward Burns...
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M. on or a.f.m	Jas. Smith	S. G. Halley
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. J. Calder	W. N. McGillis...
209	aSt. John's.	London	1st Friday...	Wm. H. Line	J. S. Dewar
209	Evergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday...	Rv.D.P.McInt'sh	Alex. Buffam...
212	aElysian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday...	John Kennedy	Thos. Lappen ..
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	F. on or b.f.m	S. D. Noxon	G. H. Bleecker ..
216	aHarris	Orangeville..	Tu.on or b.f.m	Andrew Hill	D. McPherson...
217	aFrederick	Delhi	M. on or b.f.m	G. W. Graham	A. W. Cryslers...
218	aStavenson	Toronto	2d Monday...	W. G. Jones	Geo. Wilson
219	aCredit	Georgetown.	F. on or b.f.m	F. J. Barker	T. R. Earngey...
220	aZeredatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m	M. L. Nutting	M. H. Crosby...
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m	A. F. McGill	D. J. C. Munro ..
222	aMarmora	Marmora	Monday a.f.m	H. E. Kelly	Jas. Parker
223	aNorwood	Norwood	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. J. Sherry ..	J. F. Pearce
224	aZurich	Hensall	Th.on or b.f.m	F. A. Sellery	Jas. Bonthron ..
225	aBernard	Listowel	F. on or b.f.m	J. H. Mitchell	W. E. Binning...
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	M. on or a.f.m	R. L. Gilbert	Robt. Bennett...
230	aIonic	Brampton	3rd Tuesday...	W. J. Fenton	W. H. McFadden
230	Kerr	Barrie	3rd Friday...	T. Beecroft	Fred. Marr
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	3rd Tuesday...	J. G. Scott	John F. Stewart.
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m	W. H. Barnum ..	D.A.Came'n, M D
233	Doric	Park Hill	T. on or b.f.m	Jas. G. Rnsell ..	F. J. Hutchins...
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg.	Tu.on or b.f.m	Fred. Kent, M.D.	J. H. Dickinson...
235	Aldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m	John P. Fisher...	J. H. Steele
236	aManitoba	Cookstown...	Tu.on or a.f.m	Wm. Griffith	H. Coleman
237	Vienna	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m	John McCrim'on	S. S. Cluton
238	Havelock	Watford	Tues. b. f. m...	F. B. Kenwood ..	David Watt
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m	W. Reynolds	Jas. Murray
242	aMacoy	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m	L. T. Blanchard.	D. S. Mallory
243	aSt George	St. George.	Th.on or b.f.m	S. G. Robinson...	D. C. Anderson...
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville.	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. J. Peardon	Robert Pye
247	aAshlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday...	A. C. Fairw'ther	John A. Shaw...
249	aCaledonian	Midland	M. on or b. f. m	W. Finlayson	Wm. McTavish...
250	Thistle	Embro	Th.on or b.f.m	R. A. Geddes	Columbus Ross..
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Tuesday...	W. C. Tilley	T. D. Minnes...
254	Clifton	Niag. Falls.	1st Thursday.	R. F. Carter	Alex. Gray
255	Sydenham	Dresden	2d Thursday..	John Watson	J. E. McMurray
256	aFarran's Po nt..	Aultsville...	W. on or b.f.m	R. A. Baker	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday...	T. S. Jarvis	A. J. Doke

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total M'mb's	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
164	8	8	7	1	1	1	1				84	Dec. '04	19 75		\$ 41 75
165	5	7	12	1	2	1	1			1	82	"		2 00	85 75
166	21	16	14	1	1	1					122	"			123 75
168	9	6	5	1							92	"		25	65 00
169	3	1	2	1	1	2					69	"			72 50
170	2	3	3	1	3	1					77	"			64 00
171	1	2	2	1	1		3				45	Jun1904	1 00		30 50
172	8	9	9			2					31	Dec. '04	3 00		45 50
174	4	4	3		1		4			1	56	Jun1904			39 00
177	17	13	12	5	3		3				179	Dec. '04	38 75		130 00
178	2	2	2			3					38	"			27 00
180	4	5	3			2	1			1	75	"			46 25
181	5	7	6		2		2				36	"		2 00	30 50
184	6	4	4								88	"			60 75
185	2	2	1		2	1				1	27	"	2 00		21 00
186	2	3	2		2	2					37	"		1 00	49 75
190	4	3	4		2	1	1			1	45	"	1 00		39 75
192	9	7	11	2	3						137	"	3 00		100 25
193	3	4	7	1	1	1	3				70	"		2 00	59 75
194	1	2	1	1		1	2			1	76	"			46 25
195	1	1	1	1		2	1				77	Jun1904	3 00		46 50
196	11	9	12		5	2	2				99	Dec. '04		3 00	86 00
197	7	4	5	2	4	1	2			1	62	"		4 50	46 00
200			5		1	1					61	Jun1904	4 00		58 50
201	11	10	7	3	2	1	1				135	Dec. 904			95 50
203	5	4	3	1	3						54	"			41 00
205	1	1	2	2		1					39	Jnn1904	3 00		27 00
207	4	2	2		1		5			2	63	Dec. '04		1 25	53 50
209a	25	22	18	2	4	1	5			1	268	"	1 00		186 50
209	1										51	June '04			14 50
212	1	1			1						19	"			27 25
215	3	3	4	3	3					2	64	Dec. '04			44 00
216	26	19	19	1	3	1	5				161	Jun1904			99 00
217	3	2	2	2		1					66	Dec. '04	16 00		58 50
218	2	4	5		5	6	8			3	212	"			145 75
219	5	9	12		2	1					86	"	1 00		137 50
220	1	1	1	1	4	1					80	"			41 25
221	12	15	12		2	1		1		4	68	"			76 50
222	3	5	5		3						81	"	1 00		136 75
223	9	9	6	2	3						77	"			61 25
224	15	15	7	3		1					74	"	1 75		65 50
225	8	7	5		3		3			1	92	"			63 75
228	3	3	3			3	2				39	"		50	25 75
229	6	5	7		3	2	1			1	77	"			60 75
230	5	3	2		3					3	109	Jun1904			87 00
231	12	14	13	5	1	2	2				133	Dec. '04			120 00
232	5	4	2	1	3						62	"		5 00	44 00
233	4	5	2	1							55	"			32 25
234	2	1	1								67	"	18 00		39 00
235	4	3	2								50	Jun1904			35 25
236	8	6	7								58	Dec. '04			53 50
237					1	1	3				50	Jun1904			70 50
238	2	1	2		3		2			1	67	"			60 50
239											67	"	32 50		43 00
242	5	6	5								76	Dec. '04			57 00
243	6	7	8		1	2	4				63	"		2 00	65 25
245	5	4	4	1			5				57	"			72 50
247	7	12	14	5	5	1	1			1	283	"			213 50
249	13	15	19	1	2						135	"		14 00	103 50
250	2	2			1					1	28	Jun1904	13 00		
253	4	4	4	1	4						83	"			56 50
254	14	14	14			2	4			1	134	"		2 00	103 25
255	12	10	7	5		1					71	Dec. '04		2 50	88 00
256	5	3	6		1	1				2	70	"		75	80 00
257	15	13	9	3	1	1					136	Jun1904		3 00	83 00

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1905,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
255	Guelph	Guelph	2d Tuesday	W. A. Mahoney	Edward Paff
259	Springfield	Springfield	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Muller	M. M. Black
260	Washington	Petrolia	1st Wednesday	John Read	D. Pepper
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	Th. on or b.f.m	J. G. Hossack	R. Q. Irving
262	Harriston	Harriston	2d Monday	E. W. Lambert	R. L. Dewar
263	Forest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Lawrie	P. W. Campbell
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday	W. G. Wilson	Thos. Saunders
265	Patterson	Thoruhill	Th. on or b.f.m	Jas. Baxter	J. E. Francis
266	Northern Light	Stayner	Tu. on or b.f.m	Dr. Jakeway	J. W. Bethune
267	Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday	Jehiel Smith	J. W. Plewes
268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	F. on or b.f.m	Alex. Kitchen	A. E. Bottum
269	Brougham Union	Claremont	W. on or a.f.m	D. R. Beaton	A. B. Dowswell
270	Cedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday	E. T. Slemmon	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.m	Rich. Jones	Dug'd Campbell
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Tu. on or b.f.m	John Pickard	James Stewart
274	Kent	Blenheim	2d Monday	R. M. Thompson	J. Crookshank
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	4th Friday	S. R. Brill	J. Farquharson
277	Seymour	P. Dalhousie	W. on or b.f.m	John Green, Jr.	John Green, Sr.
279	New Hope	Hespeler	W. on or b.f.m	E. Garland	Jno. Jardine
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m	L. Hyttearauch	W. J. French
283	Eureka	Belleville	W. a. f. m.	Alex. L. Sulman	W. J. Diamond
284	St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m	Malcolm Black	John Wright
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or a.f.m	Henry Norris	H. M. Wright
286	Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday	John Ritchie	J. A. Morton
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	J. W. Armstrong	Geo. H. Rapsey
289	Doric	Lobo	Th. on or b.f.m	Joshua Irvine	P. L. Graham, MD
290	Leamington	Leamington	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. E. Robinson	W. F. Williams
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Th. on or b.f.m	Jos. C. Sharpe	Alfred Jones
292	Robertson	King	M. on or b.f.m	Arch. McCallum	A. Carley
294	Moore	Courtright	Th. on or b.f.m	F. K. Johnson	F. J. Tully
295	Conestogo	Drayton	1st Tues. e.m.	David Campbell	W. H. Smith
296	Temple	St. Catharin's	Last Wednesday	H. H. Oldright	K. G. Beaton
297	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m	John Short	Jos. Baltzer
299	Victoria	Centreville	Th. on or b.f.m	W. H. Aylesworth	Robt. Cox
300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. W. Hughes	M. N. Wright
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	W. A. Burns	Fred. S. Lewis
303	Blyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m	Wm. Watson	J. M. Hamilton
304	Minerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. W. Green	Jas. Black
305	Humber	Weston	Th. on or b.f.m	John Greenhouse	A. B. Moffat
306	Durham	Durham	2d Tuesday	Arthur Gun, M.D.	W. H. Bean
307	Arkona	Arkona	Th. on or b.f.m	W. J. Brander	Fred. Nelson
309	Morning Star	Smith's Hill	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Young	John Varcoe
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b.f.m	Amos Maynard	D. Norton
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m	J. M. Nicol	E. E. Parker
313	Clementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday	R. Q. Dench	G. B. Hilliard
314	Blair	Palmerston	F. after f. m.	P. J. Faskin	H. McEwing
315	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	H. H. Trapp	Geo. E. Robb
316	Doric	Toronto	3d Thursday	A. Pearson	H. C. Griffiths
318	Alvilot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m	Allen Bechtel	J. A. Butler
319	Hiram	Hagersville	Th. on or b.f.m	E. H. Keffer	H. A. Howard
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m	O. D. Casselman	W. R. Fulton
321	Walker	Acton West	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Cooper	W. Stark
322	North Star	Owen Sound	W. a. f. m.	Harry Wright, Jr.	J. F. McCallum
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m	H. A. Gilroy	B. Code
324	Temple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday	E. F. Lazier	Thos. Pedler
325	Orono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m	J. J. Gillfillan	R. Z. Hall
326	Zetland	Toronto	4th Friday	James Haywood	J. H. Macabee
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	Tu. on or b.f.m	G. W. Snelgrove	S. D. Jamieson
328	Ionic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m	R. T. Richardson	Henry Lowe
329	King Solomon	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m	John J. Parsons	H. A. Howell
330	Corinthian	London East	1st Tuesday	Edmund Hayden	H. C. Simpson
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th. on or b.f.m	Geo. Wilson	A. C. Hutchison
332	Stratford	Stratford	2nd Monday	Wm. G. Irwin	R. M. Cassels
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	F. on or b.f.m	John Wright	C. N. Richardson
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	Tu. on or b.f.m	Isaiah Green	R. T. Tindale

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													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
258	7	4	3	1	4		4				90	Jun1904			\$ 63 50
259	8	9	9	3	1	1				1	31	Dec. '04		\$ 3 00	36 75
260	5	6	6	1	4	1				5	92	"			72 50
261	1	1	1		1					1	27	Jun1904			14 50
262	1	5	6		4	1	1				88	Dec. '04			58 50
263	7	7	7	3	2					2	79	Jun1904		4 00	50 50
264	12	8	7	2			4			2	123	"	\$ 3 00		70 50
265	4	3	3								50	Dec. '04		25	28 50
266											20	Jun1904			17 25
267	22	21	18	4	4					3	119	"			93 50
268	8	3	2		3					1	37	Dec. '04			26 25
269											49	Jun1904		2 00	43 50
270	2	4	3	1	2	1				1	70	Dec. '04	50		42 25
271	2	2	4			1					65	"		7 50	82 75
272	15	11	10		2	1	2			1	89	"			70 50
274	2										68	"			38 75
276	3	1	3		1		1			1	28	"			20 25
277	4	2	3	1							48	"			36 50
279	11	12	11	1	1	2	2				62	"	1 00		50 75
282	5	8	8	1	5	1	1				54	"	1 00		24 75
283	1	2	1	1						2	71	"			47 25
284	3	3	3	1	1					1	62	"			45 25
285	6	6	6			1	1				68	Jun1904			62 00
286	4	4	4		1					1	86	Dec. '04			60 25
287	20	20	18	2		3				1	147	"		22 0	145 75
289	5	4	2		2						43	"			29 00
290	7	4	7	4	6	1	1			3	113	"			80 25
291	4	2	3		1					1	73	Jun1904	2 00		51 50
292	3	1			1		2				39	Dec. '04			21 75
294	8	8	8		2	2					37	"			32 00
295	1	2	2	2	2					1	48	Jun1904		5 00	83 00
296	6	7	7	2	2	1					61	Dec. '04			52 25
297	7	5	7	4	1	1				2	55	"			41 50
299	1										33	Jun1904	1 00		42 50
300	8	7	6				2				39	"	4 00		28 50
302	15	10	10	1	1		6				194	Dec. '04	56 50		135 50
303	1	1			2	1				1	55	Jun1904			43 00
304	8	9	6							1	54	Dec. '04			85 25
305	3	3	2	2	4	1					59	"	2 50		59 50
306	6	6	6	1		2				1	55	"			51 25
307	4	5	4		1	1					39	"	6 00		33 00
309											50	Dec. '02			1 00
311	1	1	1								41	Dec. '04		8 50	63 25
312	7	6	5		1	2	1			2	91	"		2 00	74 25
313	4	4	4	1	3		3				60	"	1 50		34 00
314	4	2	4	2	1	1				1	59	Jun1904			37 50
315	8	7	8		1						25	Dec. '04			33 75
316	72	50	39	14	5	8	2			2	315	"	2 50		212 75
318	1	1	1	1	2	1					27	Jun1902			
319	4	5	5			1					38	Dec. '04	2 00		45 50
320	3	6	4	1	3	1				2	86	"			68 75
321	3	3	3	1	4	1					49	"			39 50
322	9	9	12	5		2					131	"			104 00
323	3	7	7								65	Jun1904	62		45 50
324	26	31	26	2	4	6	7			4	317	Dec. '04	6 00		211 50
325	3	4	1	2	1		1				24	"			12 50
326	24	23	21	3	1	3	1				434	"		3 00	467 75
327	3	4	4	1	1		4				23	Jun1904			21 50
328	14	12	12			1					29	Dec. '04	6 00		18 75
329	3	3	4		1						56	"			43 25
330	13	13	10			1	7			1	112	"			99 75
331	9	11	11		1						42	"		4 00	47 75
332	12	10	12			2	6				167	Jun1904	3 00		114 25
333	3	3	2		3	1					52	"			35 50
334	11	11	10	1	8	1				2	52	Dec. '04		27 00	109 00

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m	John H. Gosnell	F. Litt ejohn...
337	aMyrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. H. Biggar...	C. B. Bennett...
338	aDufferin	Wellandport	Tu.on or b.f.m	Clar. Henderson	Jas. R. Goring...
339	aOrient	Toronto	1st Tuesday...	Bernard Cairns.	F. H. Anderson...
341	aBruce	Tiverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. F. Fawcett...	J. M. Bowie.....
343	aGeorgina	Toronto	1st Saturday	H. H. McKague...	J. M. Sumner.....
344	aMerrill	Dorch'st rS'n	Th.on or b.f.m	J. H. Birch.....	J. A. Morris.....
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Tu.on or b.f.m	Chas. Fletcher...	J. A. James.....
346	aThe Occident	Toronto	3d Wednesday	J. C. West.....	John Lillie.....
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday	T.N. Wansbrou'h	A. J. Prichard...
348	aGeorgian	Pen'tang'she	1st Thursday..	Geo. Robinson...	H. M. Warneck...
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	3d Wednesday	John R. Stone	D. Macfarlane...
354	aBrock	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. B. Johnston	Joseph A. Kift...
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Rev. C. H. Rich.	O. R. Church...
357	aWaterdown	Millgrove...	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Douglas...	Walter Forster..
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	J. W. Fonger....	Wm. Harker.....
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	C. A. Dunkin...	John Pow.....
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge.	1st Tuesday...	Hy. J. Bird, Jr..	Fred. W Mills...
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday...	Geo. Chapman...	J. S. Stephenson
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	W. B. P. Munroe	Jas. A. McDonald
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	Samuel Acton...	W. J. Richards...
367	aSt. George	Toronto	1st Friday	H. H. Schoff....	R. C. Gallagher
368	aSalem	Brockville	2nd Monday...	H. A. Clark.....	Jas. Reynolds...
369	aMimico	Lambton M.	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. G. Musson...	Geo. S. Brown...
370	aHarmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	C. C. Copland...	J. W. Russell.....
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	4th Friday	Jas. N. Brownlee	John R. Wright..
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	Tu.on or a.f.m	S. D. Ramey...	J. G. Watts.....
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thursday.	G. H. Pettit...	Thomas Main...
374	aKeene	Keene	Th.on or b.f.m	Hugh Fife.....	J. M. Shaw, M.D.
375	aLorne	Omeme	1st Thursday.	W. J. Thorn.....	G.S.CameronMD
376	aUnity	Huntsville...	2d Wednesday	A. Denton.....	Oscar Wieler...
377	aLorne	Shelburne	1st Friday	E. C. Campbell...	R. J. Watson....
378	aKing Solomon's	London West	2nd Thursday	Geo. Finnegan...	W. Nicholl.....
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m.	E. M. Roberts...	Alx. Grant.....
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday...	Benj. Noble....	Jos. Ward.....
382	aDoric	Hamilton	3rd Monday...	D. R. Gibson...	C.V.Emory, M.D.
383	aHenderson	W. Winchester	F. on or b.f.m.	Salem Coon...	Geo. A. Johnson.
384	aAlpha	Toronto	1st Thursday.	James Leach...	E. J. Voss.....
385	aSpry	Beeton	M. on or b.f.m	A. W. McDonald.	J. R. Croft.....
386	aMcColl	West Lorne.	Tu.on or b.f.m	Hugh MacColl...	Wm. A. Becker...
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	Th.on or b.f.m	Chas. Horton...	J.A. Bradley, M.D
388	aHenderson	Ilderton	M. on or b.f.m	W. W. Robson...	J. H. Robson...
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta.	W. on or b.f.m	John Chapman...	W. H. Waddell...
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th.on or b.f.m	W. J. Bodkin...	J. A. Emery.....
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	C. A. Dunkley...	W. H. Ellsworth
392	aHuron	Camlachie...	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. J. Burnley	A. Trusler.....
393	aForest	Chesley	1st Tuesday...	C. J. Halliday...	W. T. Ross.....
394	aKing Solomon	Thamesford.	W. on or b.f.m	M. J. Morrison...	J. S. Robinson...
395	aParvaim	Comber	Fri.on or b.f.m	A. F. Allen.....	E. S. Hughes...
396	aCedar	Warton	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. A. Watt.....	W. M. Newman...
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b.f.m	J. W. McDonald	H. J. Leacock...
398	aVictoria	Kirkfield	F. on or b.f.m	J. H. Ross, M.D.	Jos. McClelland
399	aMoffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Barr.....	D. D. York.....
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu.on or b.f.m	John A. Riggs...	C. A. Bradbury
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday...	R. N. Irvine...	J. G. Johnston...
402	aCentral	Essex	W on or b.f.m	C. Kreighoff...	R. J. Shaw.....
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday	A. D. Barr.....	C. Koelln.....
404	aLorne	Tamworth.	F. on or b.f.m	S. E. Kennedy...	Jas. Aylesworth
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday...	T. J. Harwood...	C.Haents'hel, M.D
406	aThe Spry	Fenel'n Falls	W on or b.f.m	W. H. Robson...	E. Fitzgerald...
408	aMurray	Reaverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	Stephen Furniss	Neil Rutherford
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2d Monday...	F. Hornsby....	C. H. Bond.....
410	aZeta	Toronto	4th Friday	Duncan Grigg...	A. E. Faulds...
411	aRodney	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m	T. W. Kirkpatrick	H.McL. Paterson
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie.	1st Tues. e.m.	D. W. Green...	A. Hastings.....
413	aNaphtali	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. A. Johnson...	W. A. Hutton...

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. T. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp't'd	Rest'd	Total Memb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
336	.....	1	1	.....	2	1	4	.....	.....	1	57	Dec. '04	14 00	.....	\$ 45 50
337	8	7	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	38	"	.....	.....	29 25
338	6	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	"	25	.....	97 00
339	13	14	16	1	3	4	.....	.....	.....	2	262	"	.....	.....	206 00
341	10	9	10	.....	.....	.....	3	3	1	1	49	"	39 75	.....	.....
343	21	20	18	2	9	3	3	1	.....	.....	244	"	5 00	.....	203 00
844	6	6	5	1	.....	1	3	1	.....	.....	35	Jun'904	14 50	.....	7 00
345	4	4	1	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	30	Dec. '04	.....	25	15 50
346	29	29	28	2	3	5	9	.....	.....	2	212	Jun'904	.....	.....	188 50
347	5	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	"	.....	6 00	58 00
348	4	3	3	1	2	.....	2	.....	.....	3	41	"	5 00	.....	39 00
352	4	4	8	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	Dec. '04	.....	1 75	59 50
354	2	1	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	63	"	.....	.....	48 50
356	2	5	5	.....	1	.....	6	.....	.....	1	43	"	.....	2 25	29 75
357	10	9	8	2	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	86	"	.....	.....	75 00
358	1	1	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	Jun'904	17 50	.....	19 00
359	7	5	4	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	48	Dec. '04	.....	4 75	43 25
360	6	3	7	1	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	68	"	.....	1 50	62 00
361	11	9	10	.....	7	1	.....	.....	.....	1	134	"	.....	.....	129 50
362	2	2	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	"	.....	2 00	40 25
364	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	41	Jun'904	.....	.....	14 75
367	31	27	20	2	1	3	1	.....	.....	2	229	"	.....	.....	164 00
368	24	14	16	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	141	Dec. '04	.....	.....	119 25
369	5	5	5	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	84	"	.....	6 00	56 62
370	13	3	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	63	"	.....	.....	68 25
371	18	16	13	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	109	"	.....	.....	72 25
372	12	9	11	1	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....	84	"	.....	.....	72 50
373	4	5	5	.....	5	.....	3	.....	.....	2	60	"	.....	.....	53 50
374	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	"	.....	25	18 50
375	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	"	1 00	.....	25 00
376	3	3	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	"	.....	.....	85 00
377	5	6	7	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	66	"	.....	2 00	57 25
378	16	15	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	109	Jun'904	.....	1 50	93 00
379	2	3	4	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	30	Dec. '04	.....	.....	22 00
380	10	9	8	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	156	"	50	.....	115 50
382	22	20	25	6	2	2	4	.....	.....	1	243	"	.....	.....	160 00
383	3	6	8	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	"	.....	1 50	62 00
384	37	32	35	3	10	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	288	"	.....	3 00	240 25
385	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	"	25	.....	40 50
386	5	6	5	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	66	"	.....	.....	36 00
387	8	7	7	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	40	"	25	.....	61 25
388	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	Jun'904	22 50	.....	.....
389	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	Dec. '04	1 00	.....	24 50
390	1	.....	.....	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	"	.....	2 50	17 00
391	3	3	3	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	73	"	.....	.....	50 35
392	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	57	"	.....	.....	34 00
393	2	1	2	4	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	39	"	18 00	.....	2 50
394	4	4	4	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	68	"	.....	.....	44 25
395	4	3	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	Jun'903	.....	.....	37 00
396	8	7	7	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	103	Dec. '04	.....	4 00	48 25
397	1	1	1	1	.....	1	9	.....	.....	.....	54	Jun'904	.....	2 00	44 25
398	5	4	2	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	38	Dec. '04	8 75	.....	48 75
399	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	"	.....	.....	10 50
400	15	13	9	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	130	"	.....	75	93 75
401	5	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	"	25	.....	44 75
402	10	10	8	.....	7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	59	"	.....	.....	37 00
403	22	18	22	6	5	2	.....	.....	.....	1	193	Jun'904	1 00	.....	153 25
404	8	8	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	Dec. '04	1 00	.....	44 00
405	2	2	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	Jun'904	.....	.....	64 50
406	5	6	7	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	61	Dec. '04	.....	.....	25 50
408	1	11	13	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	"	14 25	.....	60 50
409	8	7	1	3	3	1	5	.....	.....	2	63	"	.....	3 75	70 25
410	17	23	24	4	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	184	"	.....	.....	154 75
411	4	4	2	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	"	2 00	.....	82 50
412	28	24	17	6	5	1	1	.....	.....	2	229	"	.....	.....	183 50
413	13	12	10	.....	8	2	2	.....	.....	.....	77	Jun'904	.....	.....	57 25

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1905,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
414	Pequonga.....	Rat Portage.	1st Wednesday	C. W. Belyea....	S. C. Sharman ...
415	Port William.....	Fort William	2d Wednesday	E. D. Higginb'tm	Geo. H. Coe.
416	Lyn.....	Lyn.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Rev. T. A. Smith	J. C. McCradv. ...
417	Keewatin.....	Keewat'n Mls	1st Friday.....	Don. McLeod, jr.	A. J. Holmes.....
418	Maxville.....	Maxville.....	2nd Tuesday....	Geo. Chalmers...	D. A. Irvine.....
419	Bismarck.....	Pt. Edward...	2nd Monday....	C. O. Livingston.	B. F. George.....
420	Nipissing.....	North Bay....	2nd Monday....	Geo. W. Lee.....	W. I. Johnson....
421	Scott.....	Grand Valley	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. McClelland.	Wm. McIntyre....
422	Star of the East	Bothwell.....	W. on or b.f.m	Hy. H. Kelly....	J. J. Vincent.....
423	Strong.....	Sundridge....	3d Monday....	John Maxwell....	A. McDonald.....
424	Doric.....	Pickering....	Th. on or b.f.m	R. E. Johnston...	D. E. Pugh.....
425	St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. W. Stover....	Geo. A. Smith....
426	Stanley.....	W. Tor Junc	1st Tuesday....	W. L. Joy.....	Wm. Harris.....
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	1st Wednesday	W. A. Evans.....	Jos. Fowler.....
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry....	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. H. Freeborn	Wm. Spence.....
429	Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin....	Th. on or b.f.m	John Duff.....	J. T. Lillie.....
430	Acacia.....	East Toronto	3rd Monday....	C. Fitzpatrick...	T. G. Paterson...
431	Moravian.....	Eden Grove..	F. on or a.f.m	Thos. Chittick...	Wm. J. McKee...
432	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	F. on or b.f.m	S. M. Armstrong.	John Sutherland
433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville....	2nd Monday....	Jas. D. L. Leitch	Geo. Reeves.....
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	Tu. on or a.f.m	A. W. Freeland...	Robt. McKonkey
435	Havelock.....	Havelock.....	F. on or b.f.m	W. B. Ritchie....	W. G. Stewart...
436	Burns.....	Hepworth....	Tu. on or a.f.m	Robt. E. Reid....	A. J. Reid.....
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	3d Wednesday	Wm. Shaw.....	Geo. Wenino....
438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	4th Monday....	A. L. E. Davies...	W. T. Martin....
439	Alexandria.....	Alexandria..	1st Tuesday....	E. H. Tiffany....	John Simpson....
440	Arcadia.....	Minden.....	F. on or b.f.m	John Welch.....	W. S. Munn.....
441	Westport.....	Westport....	1st Friday.....	W. C. Taylor....	M. S. Crozier...
442	Dymont.....	Thessalon....	Th. on or b.f.m	J. E. Gorrell....	W. M. Argue....
443	Powassan.....	Powassan....	2nd Friday....	G. R. Coombs....	L. G. Phillips....
444	Nitetic.....	Creemore....	Tu. on or a.f.m	J. A. Bell.....	S. J. Fisher....
445	L'ke of the Woods	Rat Portage	2nd Wednesday	G. C. Frisbie....	W. A. Wilson....
446	Granite.....	Fort Frances	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. A. Smith.....	F. H. Warner....
447	Sturgeon Falls..	Sturgeon Fl's	M. on or b.f.m	G. W. McFarland	Jas. D. Cockburn
448	Xenophon.....	Wheatley....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Thos. L. Rambo.	E. Hanson.....
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	W. on or b.f.m	J. A. Rosebor'gh	E. Mountcastle..
450	Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.	Thursday b.f.m	P. W. Thomkins	John Sherman...
451	Somerville.....	Kinmount....	Th. on or b.f.m	Geo. Train.....	Amos Train.....
452	Avonmore.....	Avonmore....	Tu. on or b.f.m	S. E. Shaver....	F. Trusdale....
453	Royal.....	Ft. William..	1st Wednesday	A. McNaughton..	F. C. Perry.....
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls..	1st Monday....	Jos. F. Hilliar...	R. J. Sturgeon...
455	Doric.....	Little Cur'nt	Tu. on or b.f.m	B. H. Turner....	G. R. Powell....
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	Th. on or b.f.m	A. R. Terry.....	A. Chalmers....
457	Century.....	Merlin.....	1st Monday....	W. F. Robertson	W. P. Teskey....
458	Wales.....	Wales.....	M. on or b.f.m	C. O. Carson....	W. J. Huff.....
459	Acobden.....	Cobden.....	2d Tuesday....	Robt. Delahey...	R. D. McLaren...
460	Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay.	Th. on or b.f.m	R. J. Gardiner...	Geo. R. Hawkins
461	lonic.....	Rainy River.	1st Thurs. e.m	J. T. Stephenson	D. Duncan.....
462	Temiscaming....	New Liskeard	Th. on or b.f.m	Rev. F. E. Pitts.	Edwin Monagh'n
463	North Entrance.	Haliburton...	4th Fri. e.m....	Ralph Clark....	A. E. Jones.....
464	King Edward....	Sunderland..	Fr. on or b.f.m	Jos. Thompson...	E. G. Sutherln'd
465	Carleton.....	Carp.....	Fr. on or b.f.m	Geo. N. Kidd....	T. E. Argue....
466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	1st Friday....	W. F. W. Lent...	Rev. A. J. Paul...
468	Peel.....	Caledon East	Fr. on or b.f.m	John Macabe....	A. P. Potter.....
467	Tottenham.....	Tottenham...	Fr. on or b.f.m	F. N. Leavens...	
469	Algoma.....	St. Marie	2nd Wedn's 'y	David D. Lewis..	
470	Victoria.....	Vic. Harbor.	Th. on or b.f.m	E. Byron Brown.	D. G. MacRobbie
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa....	1st Wed., E. M.	Geo. H. Brown...	H. M. Kenzie....
U. D.	Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	1st Wed., E. M.	Jos. Johnston...	
U. D.	The Beachers....	Balmy Beach	2nd Saturday..	J. McP. Ross....	W. J. Farmery...
U. D.	Victoria.....	Toronto Jun.	3rd Tuesday....	Wm. J. Sheppard	Edwin R. Rogers
U. D.	Dundurn.....	Hamilton....	3rd Saturday..	John Hooper....	G. H. Lanigan...
U. D.	Corinthian.....	North Gower	Fr. on or b.f.m		

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No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	J ed.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Totals M'ns	Last Retr'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
414	8	7	9	4	8	1	6				103	Dec. '04	.....	2 25	\$ 76 75
415	28	23	21	2	8					1	113	"	.....		123 25
416	1	1									37	"	.....	25	39 00
417	1	2	1	1	1						61	"	.....	2 00	36 75
418	8	8	7	1							77	"	.....		60 50
419	7	8	9		2	2					90	"	.....	1 75	60 25
420	8	8	7	1	2						116	Jun 1904	.....	7 75	141 75
421	11	15	16		3	3					87	Dec. '04	.....		79 25
422	2			2	3	1					44	"	.....	75	32 50
423	8	8	7		3						58	"	.....	3 00	54 25
424						1					38	Jun 1904	.....	11 50	
425	5	8			1	2	1				63	Dec. '04	.....	25	47 50
426	15	11	15	3	2		2			1	232	"	.....		159 00
427	11	13	11	1	2						136	Jun 1904	.....		91 75
428	11	4	3	1	3						89	"	.....	2 00	46 25
429	4	4	3	1	3		2				50	"	.....	1 00	34 00
430	11	10	6		3						120	"	.....		67 50
431	7	5	5		3		5			1	46	Dec. '04	.....		48 25
432	1	1	5		3	1					44	Jun 1904	.....	25	37 00
433	4	3	2	1	1						48	Dec '04	.....	6 00	44 50
434	4	1	1								57	"	.....		34 50
435	4	5	7	1	1	2					78	"	.....	25	69 25
436	3	2	2		2	1					35	"	.....	8 00	39 75
437	18	17	16	2	1	1					119	"	.....		95 00
438	30	31	29	6	3	5					278	"	.....	2 00	236 00
439	3	1	1		3	2					42	Jun 1904	.....		26 50
440	5	3	3		5	1					43	Dec. '04	.....	5 75	34 25
441	8	2	3		1	1	1				35	"	.....	5 25	24 75
442	8	5	5	1	4	1					70	"	.....	1 50	62 25
443	15	12	13	2							54	"	.....	1 50	70 50
444	7	7	8		3	1					50	"	.....	6 00	50 50
445	4	4	5		1	2	1				30	Jun 1904	.....	1 00	18 00
446	1	1	1		1			1			52	Dec. '04	.....	1 25	30 50
447	6	5	3	2			2				51	"	.....	26 00	90 00
448	5	3	2								52	"	.....		25 00
449	8	8	4		2						34	"	.....	12 25	22 25
450	9	10	9								56	Jun 1904	.....	3 00	47 50
451	6	4	2		6						55	Dec. '04	.....		43 75
452	2	1	1				1				32	"	.....		21 75
453	5	4	3	1							51	Jun 1904	.....	4 50	37 50
454	8	8	11	2	1	1					40	Dec. '04	.....	2 25	26 00
455	8	10	7		10						63	"	.....		105 75
456	2	2	2	1							32	"	.....		33 25
457											13	Jun 1902	.....	
458	8	5	5	1	1						53	Dec. '04	.....	2 00	47 50
459	10	7	5	1							49	"	.....		27 50
460	13	12	7	2							49	"	.....	1 25	93 75
461	13	14	13	2							51	"	.....		82 25
462	12	9	10	1							48	"	.....	3 00	40 00
463	8	7	7		3	2	1				32	"	.....		54 50
464	9	5	6								38	"	.....		75 00
465	15	12	14	4							40	"	.....		49 00
466	14	10	14	2							42	"	.....	5 00	69 00
467	14	12	11	8							32	"	.....	12 00	34 25
468	16	11	4			1					31	Jun 1904	.....	10 00	14 00
469	28	16	16	15		1					74	"	.....	6 00	20 00
470	26	23	20	3							45	Dec. '04	.....	14 00	66 75
471	10	9	7	1							25	Aug. '04	.....	20 00	
G. B.											16	Oct. '04	.....		32 00
Beh.	3			2							33	April '05	.....		20 00
Vic.				1	1						17	May '05	.....	20 00	
Dun											16		.....	
Cor											14		.....	
											223,349 65				26484 17

Interest..... 5900 76
Miscellaneous..... 626 25

\$33,011 18

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF LODGES—^{B⁴} DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, 1. (24.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. Crumb, Chatham.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 336, Highgate.....	Highgate
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 386, McColl.....	West Lorne
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 395, Parvain.....	Comber
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 402, Central.....	Essex
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 411, Rodney.....	Rodney
" 282, Lorne.....	Glencoe	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell
" 312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	" 448, Xenophon.....	Wheatley
" 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville	" 457, Century.....	Merlin

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, Sarnia.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Napier
" 153, Burns.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Camlachie
" 194, Petrolea.....	Petrolea	" 397, Leopold.....	Bridgen
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolea	" 425, St. Clair.....	Sombra
" 263, Forest.....	Forest	" 437, Tuscan.....	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (26.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. Tancock, London.

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 289, Doric.....	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 94, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 380, Union.....	London
" 195, Tuscan.....	London	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 209a, St. John's.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
" 232, Cameron.....	Dutton	" 399, Moffat.....	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (16.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. L. H. Dickson, Exeter.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 205, New Domini'n.....	New Hamb'g
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 224, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 233, Doric.....	Parkhill
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 309, Morning Star.....	Smith's Hill
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 318, Wilmot.....	Baden
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 170, Britannia.....	Seaforth	" 456, Elma.....	Menkton

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Peter McLaren, Paisley.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No. 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Tara
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 393, Forest.....	Chesley
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar.....	Wiarton
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
" 235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Grove
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanover
" 284, St. John's.....	Brussels	" 436, Burns.....	Hepworth
" 286, Wingham.....	Wingham		

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WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. R. Waddle, Port Dover.

No. 10, Norfolk.....Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....Woodstock	" 178, Plattsville.....Plattsville
" 68, St. John's.....Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....Tilsenburgh	" 217, Frederick.....Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....Paris	" 237, Vienna.....Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....Embro
" 106, Burford.....Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....Princeton	" 359, Vittoria.....Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....Waterford	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson, Guelph.

No. 72, Alma.....Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....Ayr	" 297, Preston.....Preston
" 180, Speed.....Guelph	" 306, Durham.....Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....Elora	" 315, Clifford.....Clifford
" 216, Harris.....Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur.....Arthur
" 257, Galt.....Galt	" 347, Mercer.....Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....Guelph	" 361, Waverly.....Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....Harriston	" 421, Scott.....Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....Erin	

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. O. McGregor, Waterdown.

No. 6, The Barton.....Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....St. George
" 45, Brant.....Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....Millgrove
" 121, Doric.....Brantford	" 382, Doric.....Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....Milton	" 400, Oakville.....Oakville
" 165, Burlington.....Burlington	U.D. Dundurn.....Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (23.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. D. Knight, Collingwood.

No. 79, Simcoe.....Bradford	No. 304, Minerva.....Stroud
" 88, St. George's.....Owen Sound	" 322, North Star.....Owen Sound
" 90, Manito.....Collingwood	" 333, Prince Arthur.....Flesherton
" 96, Corinthian.....Barrie	" 348, Georgian.....Penetanguishene
" 137, Pythagoras.....Meaford	" 377, Lorne.....Shelburne
" 192, Orillia.....Orillia	" 385, Spry.....Beeton
" 230, Kerr.....Barrie	" 444, Nitetis.....Creemore
" 234, Beaver.....Clarksburg	" 449, Dundalk.....Dundalk
" 236, Manitoba.....Cookstown	" 466, Coronation.....Elmvale
" 249, Caledonian.....Midland	" 467, Tottenham.....Tottenham
" 266, Northern Light.....Stayner	" 470, Victoria .. Victoria Harbor
" 285, Seven Star.....Alliston	

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robert McDonald, Hagersville.

No. 2, Niagara.....Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....Thorold
" 7, Union.....Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....Dunnville	" 296, Temple.....St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....Drummondville	" 337, Myrtle.....Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....Beamsville	" 338, Dufferin.....Wellandport
" 168, Merritt.....Welland	" 372, Palmer.....Bridgeburg
" 169, Macnab.....Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....York	" 471, King Edward VII. Chippewa

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (22).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, Toronto.

No. 22, King Solomon's.....Toronto	No. 305, Humber.....Weston
" 54, Vaughan.....Maple	" 311, Blackwood.....Woodbridge
" 65, Rehoboam.....Toronto	" 326, Zetland.....Toronto
" 86, Wilson.....Toronto	" 346, Occident.....Toronto
" 98, True Blue.....Bolton	" 356, River Park.....Streetsville
" 118, Union.....Schomberg	" 369, Mimico.....Lambton Mills
" 156, York.....North Toronto	" 384, Alpha.....Toronto
" 229, Ionic.....Brampton	" 426, Stanley.....Toronto Junction
" 247, Ashlar.....Toronto	" 438, Harmony.....Toronto
" 265, Patterson.....Thornhill	" 468, Peel.....Caledon East
" 292, Robertson.....King	U.D. Victoria.....Toronto Junction

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11a. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Fred W. Harcourt, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....Toronto	No. 269, Brougham Union.....Brougham
" 23, Richmond.....Richmond Hill	" 316, Doric.....Toronto
" 25, Ionic.....Toronto	" 339, Orient.....Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....Toronto	" 343, Georgina.....Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....Markham	" 354, Brock.....Cannington
" 97, Sharon.....Sharon	" 367, St. George.....Toronto
" 99, Tuscan.....Newmarket	" 410, Zeta.....Toronto
" 129, The Rising Sun.....Aurora	" 424, Doric.....Pickering
" 136, Richardson.....Stouffville	" 430, Acacia.....East Toronto
" 218, Stevenson.....Toronto	U.D. The Beaches.....Balmy Beach
" 220, Zerodatha.....Uxbridge	

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12 (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Watson, Minden.

No. 30, Composite.....Whitby	No. 408, Murray.....Beaverton
" 39, Mount Zion.....Brooklin	" 428, Fidelity.....Port Perry
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....Lindsay	" 440, Arcadia.....Minden
" 139, Lebanon.....Oshawa	" 451, Somerville.....Kinmount
" 268, Verulam.....Bobcaygeon	" 463, North Entrance.....Haliburton
" 270, Cedar.....Oshawa	" 464, King Edward.....Sunderland
" 398, Victoria.....Kirkfield	U.D. Woodville.....Woodville
" 406, The Spry.....Fenelon Falls	

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 13. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Belleville.

No. 11, Moira.....Belleville	No. 126, Golden Rule.....Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....Cobourg	" 127, Franck.....Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....Picton	" 161, Percy.....Warkworth
" 29, United.....Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....Wellington
" 38, Trent.....Trenton	" 215, Lake.....Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc.....Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....Marmora
" 50, Consecon.....Consecon	" 239, Tweed.....Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....Stirling	" 283, Eureka.....Belleville
" 91, Colborne.....Colborne	" 401, Craig.....Deseronto
" 123, The Belleville.....Belleville	

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. S. Harrington, Napanee.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....Kingston	No. 212, Elysian.....Garden Island
" 9, Union.....Napanee	" 228, Prince Arthur.....Odessa
" 92, Cataraqui.....Kingston	" 253, Minden.....Kingston
" 109, Albion.....Harrowsmith	" 299, Victoria.....Centreville
" 119, Maple Leaf.....Bath	" 404, Lorne.....Tamworth
" 146, Prince of Wales.....Newburgh	" 441, Westport.....Westport
" 157, Simpson.....Newboro'	" 460, Rideau.....Seeley's Bay
" 201, Leeds.....Gananoque	

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. H. Waddell, North Augusta.

No. 5, Sussex.....Brockville	No. 110, Central.....Prescott
" 14, True Britons.....Perth	" 242, Macoy.....Mallorytown
" 24, St. Francis.....Smith's Falls	" 368, Salem.....Brockville
" 28, Mount Zion.....Kemptonville	" 370, Harmony.....Delta
" 55, Merrickville.....Merrickville	" 387, Lansdowne.....Lansdowne
" 74, St. James.....Bethel	" 389, Crystal Fountain.....North Augusta
" 85, Rising Sun.....Farmersville	" 416, Lyn.....Lyn

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell, Ashton.

No. 52, Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	No. 196, Madawaska.....	Arnprior
" 58, Doric.....	Ottawa	" 209, Evergreen.....	Lanark
" 63, St. John's.....	Carleton Place	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa
" 122, Renfrew.....	Renfrew	" 264, Chaudiere.....	Ottawa
" 123, Pembroke.....	Pembroke	" 371, Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa
" 147, Mississippi.....	Almonte	" 433, Bonnechere.....	Eganville
" 148, Civil Service.....	Ottawa	" 459, Cobden.....	Cobden
" 159, Goodwood.....	Richmond	" 465, Carleton.....	Carp
" 177, The Builders.....	Ottawa	U. D. Corinthian.....	North Gower

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (8.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Donald Robertson, Rainy River.

No. 237, Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 445, Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora
" 414, Pequonga.....	Kenora	" 446, Granite.....	Fort Frances
" 415, Fort William.....	Fort William	" 453, Royal.....	Fort William
" 417, Keewatin.....	Keewatin	" 461, Ionic.....	Rainy River

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (10.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. D. Leask, North Bay.

No. 405, Mattawa.....	Mattawa	No. 447, Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls
" 412, Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie	" 455, Doric.....	Little Current
" 420, Nipissing.....	North Bay	" 462, Temiscaming, New Liskeard	New Liskeard
" 427, Nickel.....	Sudbury	" 469, Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie
" 442, Dymet.....	Thessalon	U. D. Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19. (8.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. Carmichael, Sundridge.

No. 352, Granite.....	Parry Sound	No. 423, Strong.....	Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka.....	Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin.....	Emsdale
" 376, Unity.....	Huntsville	" 443, Powassan.....	Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst	" 454, Corona.....	Burke's Falls

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20. (13.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Hull, Lakefield.

No. 26, Ontario.....	Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood.....	Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville	" 313, Clementi.....	Lakefield
" 66, Durham.....	Newcastle	" 325, Orono.....	Orono
" 101, Corinthian.....	Peterborough	" 374, Keene.....	Keene
" 114, Hope.....	Port Hope	" 375, Lorne.....	Omamee
" 145, J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	" 435, Havelock.....	Havelock
" 155, Peterborough.....	Peterborough		

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. M. Fulton, Chesterville.

No. 21a, St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 320, Chesterville.....	Chesterville
" 125, Cornwall.....	Cornwall	" 333, Henderson.....	West Winchester
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 418, Maxville.....	Maxville
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	" 439, Alexandria.....	Alexandria
" 186, Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet	" 450, Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
" 207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster	" 452, Avonmore.....	Avonmore
" 256, Farran's Point.....	Aultsville	" 458, Wales.....	Wales

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No.		24 Lodges.
St. Clair	" 1		20
London	" 2		26
South Huron	" 3		16
North Huron	" 4		19
Wilson	" 5		21
Wellington	" 6		21
Hamilton	" 7		22
Georgian	" 8		23
Niagara	" 9		22
Toronto West	" 10		22
Toronto East	" 11		21
Ontario	" 11a		15
Prince Edward	" 12		19
Frontenac	" 13		15
St. Lawrence	" 14		14
Ottawa	" 15		18
Algoma	" 16		8
Nipissing	" 17		10
Muskoka	" 18		8
Otonabee	" 19		13
Eastern	" 20		14
	" 21		14

SUSPENSIONS 1904-5.

No. 2—Chas W Bishop. 3—T D Lafferty, J D Thompson. 5—C H Fitzsimmons, B R Woods, G A Allan, R Junkin, L W Cagley. 6—Jas Begley. 15—Geo A Keys, T W Cruttenden, A B Smith. 18—R Benson, E Davis, Jas Gillespie, H V Mountaer. 20—C B Keenleyside, F G Rumball, F Thompson, A F Wicks, G A Young, J L McIntosh. 22—John R Farley, Wm N Gee, Wm B Hamilton, F N B Sinclair. 23—F Padget. 27—T L Edmundston, Robt Stewart. 28—Jos H Wilson. 30—Adam Bowerman, John D Hunter, Chas H Waldron. 32—S Amsden, R McKnight, L Squair. 33—Adolph Egner, J C Johnston, Wm Westoby, Wm Potts. 35—W M Connors, L B Fradenburgh, Jas D Edgar. 37—Jos R Lancaster, Wm H Tripp. Fred Ford, W J Farley. 40—B W Baskerville. 41—G Elliott, W J Gilkinson, S T Copus, A Tuckwell. 42—Thos Spitzer, Jno Bunnett, Thos Ridge, Jno Le Seelme. 44—Fred Beal, Samuel Webb. 45—D Clifford, W D Corson, Thos Davison, C Dunnett, Thos Elliott, John C Taylor, C Whitney. 46—C Dingman, E J Forsyth. 47—Chas George, Wm Belsome, Jas Reynolds, Wm Weir. 61—H Hunting, Wm Peel, C S Griggs, W W Lumsden. 64—D C McKay. 65—Wm Cane, Alonzo L Watkins, Wm De Podeston. 72—W B Oddy. 75—Arthur Wilkinson, E J Phillip. 76—Duncan McMillan, Geo Walker, McLeod. 79—J E Lowry. 81—D Lamont. 82—Duncan C McKay. 88—Chas E Munro, Wm MacWhinney, Rich F Graham, Wm P Hueston. 91—Thos K Rutherford. 92—Thos Orrell, W Cummings. 93—A Campbell Hurdon, D Kennedy, A Macdonald, J C McKenzie, K McKenzie, N L W Innes. 96—Wm J Earley, Hy Ellis, Chas W Kortright, Jos A McLea. 100—Wm B Call, E R Quackenbush. 104—G E Rogers. 105—Jas M Douglas, Geo B Greenwood. 106—D Smith, Jas Myers. 107—C A Kains, W Shore, Alex Taylor, A Scott, D Irwin, Robt Boston, C Sifton, W E Scott, Wm Shannon, E McCully, F Hunt, A Heard, A Hyslop. 109—E W Benjamin. 110—H W Bennett, A J Smith, Jas Stoddart. W H B Dowley, A H Morgan, W M West. 113—E O Ingalls. 115—H J Bowley. 122—H W Airth. 131—Wm McVittie. 136—John F Aitkin, J C Bundy, G R Duncan. 139—T B Mothersell. 140—C H Mulholland. 141—Wm F Babb, C M French, P S Ross. 142—R A Robertson, J W A Kirk, H A Bradley, H H Pitts, W P Chamberlain, T W Howson. 143—E V Dodge, N A Bolton, W F Carstairs, Wm H Adam, C D Shannon, W A N Fletcher. 144—Thos A Brown, L E Wettlanfer. 148—G E Kennedy, R W Powell. 149—Thos O'Donnell, J F Jolley, John Waldo, Thos Ryan. 153—T Aitkin, T Coleman, R C Blackburn. 154—Geo Duffield, F A O'Neil, S A Doupe. 155—Rich Clegg. 158—Thos Palmer, John Wallon, John F Morley, Jos E Westcott, Jos Badden, Robt Anderson. 165—E B Stephenson. 171—Geo Annett, F Stanton, J W Brown. 174—G B Killmaster, Wm Crockett, Chas Woodward, T C Kerr, Woodward. 177—J T Dunderdale, R Stothers, M Faulkner. 180—Geo W Loucks. 181—A Pontie, Wm Jackson. 190—S Middleton. 193—John R Smith, Wallace McNaughton, G McIsaac. 194—Rich M Yeager, C E Kester. 195—G C McGillivray. 196—Jas W Ritchie, John A Campbell. 197—W J Whittock, Jas Hume. 201—Wm J Thacker. 207—E Durno, Jas Patridge, John McPherson, John Bethune, A H Whalley. 209a—Frank Shapland, Walter Shipman, N Wade, W G Blackwell, J T Gentleman. 216—W Fleming, Z C Ketchum, W H Laird, R Hughes, W J Allen. 218—W W W P Bell, B Cordingly, J McA Currie, A L Forde, Chas Hynds, W F Hayes, J W Hynds, J A Ferguson. 225—Hv Buck, T J Ballantyne, Geo Hurst. 228—J H McCumber, A Storms. 229—W T Hartie. 231—Geo Stainstreet, T J Surman. 237—D E Wilson, D M Leach, J Vincent. 238—J A McLeay, W J Shaw. 243—Wm M Davidson, D Smeaton, W W Batters, H M Turnbull. 245—A A Appleford, Chas Dnnan, Geo B Hopkins, John Johnston, W H Redmond, S A Tye. 247—John Alexander. 254—A Coulthurst, W N Flood, E Hardman, J N Lowell. 258—R N Grundy, C King, J Stephens, T H Orton. 262—Chas H Burns. 264—John King, A P McQuaig, John F Watson, A S Teague. 272—Jas Orr, T H Fisher. 276—John Bailey. 279—C H Chisholm, Geo Hammett. 282—John Lynn. 285—W R Robertson. 290—John Balkwell. 292—John H Blough, Jas L Johnston. 300—W J Grice, John Henderson. 302—W J Berry, G E A Watson, J A Sherman, Israel Morse, W H King, Geo Gourley. 312—S Somers. 313—P G McCargar, W F Tende, R A Caldwell. 316—J P Rich, A G Robertson. 324—J J Stuart, E W Claversley, A W H Gould, L W St John, R J Wellington, E M Bland, T J Hutchinson. 325—D McAlden. 326—J G Galbraith. 327 G B Flemming, John Heath, Thos Heywood, Robt Prior. 330—C C Young, A T Cooper, E J Brown, E Horseman, C W Simmons, H Kibbler, W T McInnes. 332—O Ballantyne, A Dingman, W W Jermyn, W H Neil, R S Porteous, John Rollinson. 336—Wm Ridley, Daniel Buchanan, J A Walker, A Ferguson. 341—Thos Wilson, Wm McKenzie, Alex Struthers. 343—Chas Brown, Geo Taylor, Alex Patterson. 344—W H Chittick, Frank Collar, Wm Vanatter. 346—N P Blair, J Donovan, H Ellis, G Graham, J McKibbin, J O Paterson, J Sheridan, J Thompson, T R Young. 348—Chas Beck, sr.. C B Butler. 356—G H Drowley, Geo Wilson, J J Hughes, J M Statten, W G Congdon, J G Cooper. 360—J H Copeland, G E McCready. 367—Robt B Harding. 371—A P McDougall. 372—John G Rath, Samuel Hathaway, J H Lewis. 373—

Lewis Moyer, E C Kidder, J M Ward. 379—Edward Glass. 382—L Buckingham, A E Cutbush, L T Delcomyn, F A P Cline. 393—D G Sutherland. 394—Alex Knox. 397—Herbert Drew, A Danson, Albert Fisher, John B Hays, John McKee, John J Hill, Daniel Rumble, Wm McRae, A Scott. 398—D C McDougall, G B Somerville. 402—Chas F Thomas. 406—W Mc G Mitchell. 409—Peter Campbell, R A Wright, T G Taylor, Jas Parker, E H Forman. 410—R A Stevenson. 412—James W McTaggart. 413—T Higgins, C W Howlett. 414—Jas Hazlett, J F McRae, John Kay, Hy Eager, H F Holmes, R J McCullough. 425—Wm H McDonald. 426—George Selwood, R G Andrews. 429—E Raymond, Jos Sciifert. 431—F D Pinkerton, John Munn, J K McLennan, John Small, Wm Young. 441—C H Whitworth. 445—T E Birbeck. 447—John McNeil, Wm Marshall. 452—B W Fickes. 462—J A Hamilton, MD. 463—F Freeman.

DEATHS 1904-5.

No. 2—John Clockenburg, 16th December, '04. 3—Geo Newlands, 25th July, '04; Wm Coleman, 25th September, '04; Jonathan Taylor, 16th March, '05; John Herald, 12th April, '05; John Kerr, 11th June, '05. 5—James Moore, 23rd October, '04; Wm King, 20th May, '05. 6—A A Hoare, 1st July, '04; J Richmond, 9th September, '04; H H Hurd, 20th February, '05; D Thomson, 20th February, '05; C McRae, 2nd April, '05; Thos M Baine, 12th May, '05. 10—John Scott, 9th July, '04. 11—J H Mickseh, 30th December, '04; C Sills, 18th May, '05. 14—Jas Bell, 9th July, '04. 15—P Fillmore, 20th January, '03; A Wilson, 10th August, '03. 16—Wm P Sutton, 14th October, '04; Wm H Smith, 20th November, '04; A H Sinclair, 12th February, '05. 18—P D Ostrander, 27th March, '05; Ed Merrill, 14th June, '05. 20—Edward Winett, 15th September, '04; Robt Orr, 13th January, '05. 21a—E A Hodgson, 18th November, '04. 22—Wm Douglas, 8th October, '04; Jos L Hancock, 23rd November, '04; T Armstrong 15th April '05; Kivas Tully, 24th April, '05. 24—Thos Shorey, 8th July, '04. 25—James Richmond, 9th September, '04; John G Robinson, 3rd November, '04; Kivas Tully 24th April '05; J H Mead, 8th April, '05. 26—T G Metcalf, 4th July, '04; G F Hall, 22nd January, '05; J W Quinlan, 24th April, '05. 27—H A L Dixon, 16th November '04; John McHaffie, 21st September, '04; J B Browne, 21st May, '05. 28—Oliver Bascom, 13th November, '04. 29—Arnoldi Dorland, 21st December, '04. 30 Wm Johnston, 18th December, '04. 32—Wm N Braund, 27th November, '04; H Root, 27th February, '05. 33—A C McDonald, J J McNeath, E Campaigne, 7th January, '05; J M Sutherland. 34—J R Park, 7th January, '05; R Elliott, 23rd May, '05; Geo Gott, 28th August, '05. 35—D Thompson, 19th February, '05. 40—R Doherty, 2nd December, '04; J B Simpson, 9th October, '04; A Dawson, 20th February, '04; C Bird, 4th January, '05; T Renwick, 5th May, '05; J G McIntyre, 14th March, '05; M Williams, 17th March, '05; W J Hammill, 6th July, '05. 41—J S Middaugh, 19th October, '04; Wm Wigle, 30th October, '04; High Ruthven, 31st October, '04; L N Scratch, 5th March, '05. 42—A B Munson, 2nd March, '04; J E Oakner, 23rd November, '04; J M Lingais, 10th February, '04; W J Green, 15th February, '05. 43—John Summer, 21st February, '05. 44—Thos J Lawlor, H T Pullen, 6th May, '05; J Smith, 14th April, '05; S J Puddicombe, 18th April, '05; Henry Munns, 15th June, '05. 46—Geo J Peace, 11th December, '04. 47—W McCullough, 10th January, '04; Jas McNally, 27th November, '04; Geo Rigg, 27th November, '04; Wm Coyle, 8th April, '05; John Bowden, 29th July, '05. 52—D J Campbell, 6th August, '04; D Scott, 22nd September, '04; A Bailey, 10th August, '04; R F Yule, 20th August, '04; Wm Reynolds, 4th January, '05; D Gozer, 2nd June, '05. 54—Peter Patterson, 24th July, '04. 55—Fred E Putman, 14th December, '04. 56—D McMaster, 30th September, '04; J A Mackenzie, 16th November, '04; J V Morrill, 29th September, '04; J B Symes, 30th January, '05. 61—Aaron Bowden, 7th October '04; C H Bamfylde, 21st October, '04; T A Norris, 2nd November, '04; A T Hazell, 11th November, '04; W W Alton, 22nd March, '05. 62—Wm E T Aldridge, 2nd September, '04. 63—Hiram Sykes, 18th July, '04; Aaron Brown, 14th October, '04. 64—Robt Currie, 20th February, '04; A S K Barclay, 15th August, '04; J W Lester, 3rd November, '04. 65—Wm Harp, 1st December, '04; Jos L Hancock, 27th November, '04; D H Watt, 11th February, '05; E F Clarke, 3rd March, '05; T C Trenwith, 7th April, '05; John Holley, 28th May, '05. 68—P F Rundle, 23rd July, '04; S S Hammill, 2nd September, '04; W K Sumner, 15th December, '04. 75—H G Lawrence, 22nd April, '04; T B Mishaw, 29th September, '04; Wm Dixon, 4th October, '04; D Walker, 26th January, '05; W B Short, 8th March, '05. 76—J A Stewart 13th July, '04; J Heavener, 26th April, '05; J Sutherland, 3rd May, '05. 77—Geo W Rose, January, '05; Thos Walters, August, '04; W S Wright, May, '05. 78—John Langrill, 31st August, '04. 81—J W Simpson, 29th January, '05. 83—Geo W McBeth, 14th June, '04. 84—Thos Dawson. 86—Chas Morgan, 13th July, '04; Kivas Tully 24th April, '05. 88—Allan J Cameron, 26th August, '04; Chas F Roche, 22nd November, '04; H Reid, 18th May, '05; F Gordon, 23rd May, '05. 90—Chas Cameron, Wm Watts. 91—Albert E Mallory, 4th October, '04; P Hinman, 19th January, '05; E J Cox, 23rd March, '05. 92—John McKay, 7th March, '04. 93—Murdoch Melvor, 12th July, '04; J McK

Stewart, 24th January, '05. 97—Geo H Wright, 9th April, '05. 98—Jos Elliott, 14th April, '05; W Curliss. 99—Jas Sykes, 3rd March, '05. 101—Fred R Winch, 14th August, '04; Hy Pigeon, 7th December, '04. 103—J A Marquis, 13th February, '05; Jas H Bessey, 2nd March, '05; Robt Lawrie, 11th June, '05. 104—John A Sidey, 28th June, '04; Wm F Coker, 11th July, '04; W R Brown, 15th May, '05. 105—J Gallinger, 16th August, '04; Geo Collings, 11th September, '04; G W Woodruff, 10th February, '05; A H McLeod, 8th May, '05; E J Fischer, 26th July, '05. 107—Alfred Jones, 11th March, '05. 110—Jas W Leach, 8th September, '04; Jas S Allen, 10th September, '04; J D Purkis, 8th February, '05. 113—Wm N Davis, December, '04. 116—A Armstrong, 8th March, '05. 119—Wm J Sanders, 4th April, '04. 121—Jas Coutts, 22nd July, '04; Robt England, 9th July, '04; John E Alford, 21st November, '04; G Smart, 27th February, '05. 122—Elkanah Mayhew, 1st December, '04; D H Lliard, 24th January, '05. W B Craig, 28th February, '05. 123—Jas Fleming, 3rd August, '04; Albert Carswell, 21st September, '04; Jas A Chisholm, 11th Dec., '04. 125—A C Akin, 2nd March, '05. 127—John A McColl, December, '04. 128—Chas Fraser, 27th June, '04; Ed Sumner, 27th November, '04; R H Barrett, 29th January, '05. 129—Jas McClosky, 17th February, '05. 133—Ed S Howard, 2nd August, '04; Robt Knight, 25th November, '04; Hadley Doan 2nd December, '04; Samuel Gidley, 12th December, '04. 139—W H Norman, 13th March, '04; W H James, 27th July, '04. 142—J W Casselman, 10th February, '05; W H Allison, 19th April, '05. 144—J Rankin, 3rd January, '05; J G McIntyre, 13th March, '05; J Foot, 12th May, '05. 145—Samuel Roddy, 3rd October, '04. 147—Robt Shilson, 14th May, '05. 148—Rudolph Ranscher, 18th February, '04; Rich W Baxter, 7th May, '04. 149—Hiram Fairchild, 1st September, '04; Hy McQueen, 20th January, '05. 151—Rev. R Von Pirch, 19th March, '05. 153—A E Harvey, 27th May, '05; Thos Dell, 20th June, '05. 154—Robt Wilson, 29th October, '04. 156—T N Armstrong, 6th June, '05. 158—J D Hazlett, 4th June, '05. 165—John H Campbell, 28th December, '04. 166—John Davey, 1st May, '04. 170—R N Brett, 30th June, '04. 172—John Watson, 14th December, '03; C H Brooks, 27th September, '04. 178—R B Puddicombe, 17th September, '04; John Roth, 28th January, '05. T Baird. 180—Wm Watson, 15th September, '04; Jas Palmer, 2nd November, '04. 185—Wm Clark, 15th May, '04. 186—W A Chamberlain, 9th November, '04; Jas Faulkner, 17th February, '05. 190—John G Fawcett, 30th November, '04. 193—W Murray, 4th May, '05. 194—Wm R E Dean, 16th October, '04. 195—G R Hamilton, September, '04. 196—E A Bates, 21st August, '04; Geo Richman, 19th November, '04. 197—H B McKay, 13th August, '04. 200—T R Glanville, 2nd March, '05. 201—Jas S Watt, 5th June, '04. 203—John Bowes, 9th August, '05. 205—R. B Puddicombe, 17th September, '04. 209a—W J Carson, 14th October, '04. 216—David Dick, 27th February, '05. 217—W A Ferguson. 218—Jno C Gough, 21st December, '04; William Beatty, 24th February, '05. William Hall, 6th April, '05; A J Mason, 17th April, '05; William Stitt, 28th May, '05; William Wood, 17th June, '05. 219—Edwin Search, 17th Dec. '04. 220—Jas Hird, 4th October, '04. 221—Andrew Clock, 28th October, '04. 224—John McNiven, 21st April, '05. 228—Andrew Russell, 5th August, '04; B. S. Hillier, 10th November, '04; I. F. Aylesworth, 25th February, '05. 229—Geo. R. Anderson, 10th April, '05; Arch McKechnie. 231—F. X. St. Jacques, 21st December, '04; Jesse Herbert, 9th March, '05. 234—A Mitchell, 21st March, '04. 237—L. L. Sheldon, 13th February, '05. 243—Jas H Frazer, 20th April, '05; Jas Parrish, 7th May, '05. 247—John W Oran, 15th October, '04. 254—Thos Ward, 25th October, '04; Jas Barry, 20th April, '05. 255—J. H. McBean, 1st February, '03. 256—J A McPherson, 27th December, '04. 257—Thomas Bartholomew, 27th December, '04. 257—Reuben Johnson, 27th June, '05. 260—John McKee, 2nd October, '04. 262—Robt Scott, 7th June, '05. 270—Fred W Trewin, 18th Aug. '04. 271—Adam Justice, 7th January, '05. 272—James McLagan, 14th May, '04. 279—A E C Mee, 16th November, '03; Robt McIntyre, 4th January, '04. 282—C J Campbell, 24th December, '04. 285—Wm McGirr, 22nd January, '05. 287—Robert Jackson, 18th November, '04; H H Wallis, 16th October, '04; W H Deneuth, 15th April, '05. 290—R J Kerr, 25th January, '05. 294—Joseph Webb, 20th February, '04; W H Watson, 27th January, '05. 296—R S Ness, 24th August, '04. 297—A W Mishaw, 2nd March, '05. 303—Jno McMillan, 24th June, '04. 305—E C Pearson. 306—H W Mockler, 31st July, '04; R McFarlane, 6th March, '05. 307—Robt Dunn, 12th January, '05. 312—Jas McGuire, 12th October, '04; Ed. Quinnell, 23rd May, '05. 314—Wm Jamieson, 29th June, '05. 316—G. S. McConkey, October, '04. A A S Ardagh, 2nd October, '04; W J Cameron, 27th December, '04. 318—Wm H Erbach, 29th November, '03. 320—Wm M Smith, 19th July, '04. 321—G C Clark, 11th March, '05. 322—Wm Matthews, 15th March, '04; Jas H Byers, 6th December, '04. 324—E G Kittson, 8th February, '04; G Roach, 20th May, '04; H V Villiers, 23rd April, '04; R W Seldon, 25th July, '04; A W Aitchison, 5th April, '05; F FitzGerald, 29th June, '05. 326—R A Purden, 9th July, '04; Alex Downey, 10th December, '04; J F Lee, 27th April, '05. 328—H Thompson, 11th July, '05. 330—John E Malone, 25th June, '05. 332—A Bennett, 13th March, '05; W F Von Buskirk, January, '05. 333—Jos Garney, 18th November, '04. 334—C C Green, 16th March, '05. 336—Wm E Lee, 30th December, '04. 339—D J Kelly, 19th July, '04; Geo McWilliams, 26th Nov-

ember, '04; F Wismer, 1st February, '05; C F Phillips, 10th April, '05. 341—William Matthewson, 5th March, '05. 343—A S Arriagh, 22nd October, '04; Hy Corking, 2nd January, '05; A. B. Cordingly, 18th June, '05. 344—Peter Spring, 23rd July, '05. 345—J A James, 20th July, '04. 346—T Slean, 4th August, '04; J Crankell, 1st November, '04; G H Crawford, 7th February, '05; T Brown, 10th February, '05; M Saunders, 21st April, '05. 352—Thomas Wilcox, 19 August, '04; Wm R Beatty, January, '05. 354—Hugh Wilson, 4th April, '05. 357—357—John Mitchell, 11th September, '04; Ed Pepper, 28th April, '05. 358—John Ackland, 19th July, '04; Hy Lockwood, '05. 359—James Stitt, July, '04. 360—Charles Ford, 5th June, '04; C C Billings, 7th June, '05; 361—Adam Weir, Jr., 20th November, '04. 367—H J Corin, 17th January, '05; F J Idenden, 29th June, '04; Wm S Fraleigh, 19th Aug. '04; 369—Edward Clayton, 13th September, '04. H J Southby, 1st February, '05; Thomas J Jackson, 19th December, '04; 382—Wm H Fallis, 25th September, '04; G W H Fletcher, 18th May, '05. 384—F W Smith, 2nd October, '04; C Duff, 6th January, '05. 386—J A Gillies, 28th June, '04; Chas D Lippshardt, 20th October, '04. 387—James Robson, 6th July, '04. 390—Hiram Wilson, 14th April, '04. 391—Geo Middieditch, 29th January, '05; John Dusk, 16th February, '05. 395—Eber Moon, 2nd February, '05. 396—A W Patterson, 9th April, '04; R R Rutherford. 397—T H Logan, 13th September, '04. 398—Andrew Crawford, 4th March, '05. 400—W A Orr, 5th February, '05. 403—Jonhathan Lowry, 1st December, '04; J C Guillot, 28th January, '05. 405—Chas M Ferguson, 4th December, '04. 408—John McMillan, September, '04; Robt Gilbertson, 17th June, '05. 409—Paul A Chapman, 28th August, '04. 410—Wm Armstrong, 22nd December, '04. 411—Chas A Brown, 23rd May, '05. 412—Geo Burden, 28th July, '05. 413—M F Gardiner, H Sales. 414—Rich Thompson, 6th July, '04. 419—W W Vanhorne, 26th October, '04; W H Millman, 2nd December, '04. 420—Silas Huntingdon, 4th August, '05. 421—J D Watson, 16th September, '04; Donald Mann, 12th April, '05; J R Hea, 15th February, '05. 422—S S MacKay, 8th July, '04. 424—Jno Leslie, 20th March, '04. 425—J J Logan, 1st January, '05; Rev. R M Carlyle, 17th October, '04. 432—Gustave Witte, September, '04. 435—James H Campbell, 16th November, '04; John A Martin, 15th October, '04. 436—D Cameron, 22nd March, '05. 437—David McKenzie, 20th October, '04. 438—W E Harris, 18th September, '04; Jas. H Leigh, 25th October, '04; J F Race, 24th November, '04; T T Case, 17th February, '05; A W Bunn, 5th February, '05. 439—D R McLeod, 25th April, '05; E A Hodgson. 440—Daniel McIntyre, 11th November, '04. 441—G F Reynolds, 8th December, '04. 442—Wm Herrington, 12th November, '04. 444—William B Trew, 1st October, '04. 445—F J Apjohn, 25th April, '05; N McMillan, 2nd August, '04. 454—John McKinnon, 26th June, '04. 463—Daniel McIntyre, 11th November, '04; J W Wiggins, May, '05. 468—G H Evans, 9th September, '04. 469—Andrew Miscampbell, 24th March, '05.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 5—F M Turner, M M Brooks. 6—Alex Calder, G H Hunter, Geo Winn. 7—J W Duval. 11—W A Pringle. 16—G H Thomas. 18—W A Wylie. 20—E L Edy. 22—P F Coutts, L J Barwick, G R Buckham, J Harrison, H R Arnold. 32 H Root, S Amsden, W Douglas. 35—W M Connor. 37—F D Carfield, Chas D Wetherall. 41—R Ulch, W Wright. 43—T Clements. V Schwalm. 44—J S McLeod, Jas A Slaght, T A Parish, T C Jones. 46—J R Johnson, S W Law. 47—Geo K Prowse, C J McArthur. 50—Robt S Jones. 61—W Trebilcock. 62—Wm Sayright. 63—Fred Fisher, R R Knox. 64—A McQueen, J D Thomson. 65—D H Watt, Thos. Eversfield. 73—T A Blues. 76—Geo R Lavagood, A G Shaw. 78—Geo W Hare, J C Clark, Harry Scott. 81—Thomas Kennedy. 83—John H Evans. 87—Jesse Reesor. 88—John Pearson, Wm J Creighton, J S Robertson, W H Lowden, Jas Ireton. 91—Geo E Chapin, V A Crandell, J W Warren, G E R Wilson. 93—A G MacIntyre, Geo. W B Cuthbertson, Jas Crawford, J A McKenzie, K McKenzie. 97—John Ough. 100—T Rutherford, H Marshall. 103—Wm Campbell. 105—H F Garner. 107—Wm R Dunn. 113—James E Allen. 121—Robt D Park, G T Mortimore, W M Ismond. 123—Geo W Weese. 131—Alex Cullen. 140—C C Miller. 141—W R Davis, Wm Lehman, Seth Davison, H R Hurlburt. 142—D C Bush. 143—J A Stewarr, Wm A Munro, Z Seeley. 149—Wm Duncan. 153—J H McNamee. 155—G H Baley. 156—Wm G. Bee. 159—Chester Spearman, Albert Doraty, Humphrey Gow, Edward Mills, G N Mattingly, Jas Stewart, James E Armstrong, M G Pettapiece, S F Lindsay, F W Johnston. 165—J H G Tolhurst. 174—C D Woodward. 180—Alex E Hogg. 185—Silas Hayes. 190—W F Luton. 194—F L Goring. 197—Jas Inglis. 207—A A McLennan, Geo E Duemo. 209a—A M Foster. 215—James E Glenn. 226—R W Craig. 218—Geo F Bishopric. Wm S Newman, A E Eakins. 221—Chas Ware, Jas Arnold, E Brown, B H Lemon. 225—Charles Winn. 229—W D Hunter. 230—John Chilton, W J McBeth, C G McBeth. 238—A J Cameron. 247—Thomas Johnston. 250—Geo Murray. 256—Geo Hodgins, R E Rombough. 259—D A Brooks. 260—J W Purdon, D R Weir, J Ferguson, Jas Peat, E Bowen. 261—E Chesney.

263—Thos Jones, W H Bennett. 264—Thos F Kane, Donald Matheson. 267—Wm Blight, G Fielder, A Dollin. 268—John Kelly. 270—B H Howard. 272—Thos H Fisher. 274—John Menzies. 283—T C Luscombe, E H Tickell. 284—R R Pelton. 286—W H Barrand. 287—Alex Allen. 290—Wm Mitchell, R J Rushlow, Wm Young. 291—Thos Head. 295—Jos Crozier. 297—Chas Yates, A W Mishaw. 303—Wm Brown. 304—Thos Moore. 306—Wm N Yollet. 312—Geo H McFarland, Jas McCallum. 314—Robt Doherty. 316—Geo Cole, A G Robinson. 320—Jos Young, Geo S Jones. 324—J W Bates, Geo Rae, Chas T Raymond, Geo T Simpson. 330—T R Lewis. 334—Jos R Hoover, Gregory Truman. 336—John Morningstar. 337—S J McCoppen. 338—D H Watt, F T Burgess. 341—Murdoch Calder. 345—John Richardson, Andrew Elliott. 346—Casper Katthoff, Thos Crashley. 348—John Anderson, W J Keating, Thos Trameer. 354—Albert Twohey, Robt Way. 359—A O Wood. 361—W H Hutchison. 364—Wm Webb. 367—J E C Boyce, Wm G Parsons. 368—J S Stewart, Thos Tompkins. 369—W McKenzie. 370—Jas Roddick. 373—Lewis Moyer, E C Kidder. 377—Wm McKee. 380—M Baldwin. 382—Hamilton Cooper. 386—J W Eaton. 387—David McFadden. 391—Geo Holmes. 392—Chas E Grundy. 394—Louis Le Faire. 400—F F Harris. 403—R W Simpson. 409—Thos G Taylor, Jas Parke. 411—Wm Neil. 412—Robt Mylechreest. 415—Robt E Larmour. 426—S M Clemens. 431—Thos Edgar.

In Memoriam

Most Worshipful Brother

KIVAS TULLY

Honorary Past Grand Master, a member of Wilson Lodge,
No. 86, Toronto.

Died 24th April, 1905.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN KERR

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Frontenac District,
No. 14, a member of the Ancient St. John's Lodge,
No. 3, Kingston.

Died 11th June, 1905:

Right Worshipful Brother

OLIVER BASCOM

Past District Deputy Grand Master of St. Lawrence District,
No. 15, a member of Mount Zion Lodge,
No. 28, Kemptville.

Died 13th November, 1904.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

A. E. HARVEY

Past District Deputy Grand Master of St. Clair District,
No. 2, a member of Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming.

Died 27th May, 1905.

Right Worshipful Brother

THOMAS RIDOUT

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Ontario District,
No. 12, a member of St. Andrew's Lodge,
No. 16, Toronto.

Died 1905.

Right Worshipful Brother

HON. JAMES SUTHERLAND

Past Grand Senior Warden, a member of Oxford Lodge,
No. 76, Woodstock.

Died May, 1905.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

A. A. S. ARDAGH

Past Grand Senior Warden, a member of Doric Lodge,
No. 316, Toronto.

Died 22nd October, 1904.

Right Worshipful Brother

A. G. McWHINNEY

Past Grand Senior Warden, a member of The Tuscan
Lodge, No. 195, London.

Died 10th July, 1905.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN SIMPSON

Past Grand Junior Warden, a member of King Solomon
Lodge, No. 378, London.

Died 1905.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

GEORGE C. PATTERSON

Honorary Past Grand Registrar, a member of Wilson
Lodge, No. 86, Toronto.

Died 2nd July, 1905.

Very Worshipful Brother

E. F. CLARKE

Past Grand Senior Deacon, a member of Rehoboam Lodge,
No. 65, Toronto.

Died 3rd March, 1905.

Very Worshipful Brother

A. B. CORDINGLY

Past Grand Standard Bearer, a member of Georgina Lodge,
No. 343, Toronto.

Died 18th June, 1905.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

W. A. CHAMBERLAIN

Past Grand Standard Bearer, a member of Plantagenet
Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet.

Died 9th November, 1904.

Very Worshipful Brothor

GEORGE MIDDLEDITCH

Past Grand Steward, a member of Howard Lodge,
No. 391, Ridgetown.

Died 29th January, 1905.

Very Worshipful Brother

W. G. S. REYNOLDS

Past Grand Junior Deacon, a member of Dalhousie Lodge,
No. 52, Ottawa.

Died 4th January, 1905.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1905-1906.

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THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed Hamilton

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"	S. E. Cornell	Sarnia	St. Clair	"	2
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"	L. H. Dickson	Exeter	South Huron	"	4
"	Peter McLaren	Paisley	North Huron	"	5
"	J. R. Waddle	Port Dover	Wilson	"	6
"	W. G. Stephenson	Guelph	Wellington	"	7
"	J. O. McGregor	Waterdown	Hamilton	"	8
"	A. D. Knight	Collingwood	Georgian	"	9
"	Robt. McDonald	Hagersville	Niagara	"	10
"	E. M. Carleton	Toronto	Toronto West	"	11
"	Fred. W. Harcourt	Toronto	Toronto East	"	11a
"	J. W. Watson	Minden	Ontario	"	12
"	W. N. Ponton	Belleville	Prince Edward	"	13
"	W. S. Herrington	Napanee	Frontenac	"	14
"	W. H. Waddell	N. Augusta	St. Lawrence	"	15
"	A. S. Gorrell	Ashton	Ottawa	"	16
"	Donald Robertson	Rainy River	Algoma	"	17
"	H. D. Leask	North Bay	Nipissing	"	18
"	A. Carmichael	Sundridge	Muskoka	"	19
"	John Hull	Lakefield	Otonabee	"	20
"	A. M. Fulton	Chesterville	Eastern	"	21

THE GRAND WARDENS.

R. W. Bro. F. J. Howell, Grand Senior Warden Hamilton

" H. T. White, Grand Junior Warden Toronto

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

R. W. Bro. Rev. F. E. Howitt Hamilton

THE GRAND TREASURER.

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THE GRAND SECRETARY.

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray Hamilton

THE GRAND REGISTRAR.

R. W. Bro. J. Lawson London

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

V. W. Bro.	John G. Forgie	Pembroke	Grand Senior Deacon
"	Henry T. Smith	Toronto	Grand Junior Deacon
"	Thos. W. Barber	Toronto	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
"	Simeon Gove	Aultsville	Asst. Grand Secretary
"	Albert J. Brown	Comber	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
"	David Collins	Galt	Grand Sword Bearer
"	Peter McG. Brown	Camlachie	Grand Organist
"	William J. Bruce	Kincardine	Asst. Grand Organist
"	Wilfrid B. Race	Watford	Grand Supt. of Works
"	Wm. Wickett	Paris	Grand Pursuivant

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V. W. Bro.	Franklin Smoke	Paris	V. W. Bro.	C. J. Wensley	Cambellford
"	Thos. Pedler	Hamilton	"	John Smeaton	Kingston
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Report on Correspondence

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada:

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to present the following report on the Proceedings of other Grand Bodies which have been placed in their hands since the last meeting of Grand Lodge.

At the last Grand Lodge we were both surprised and delighted by the approach of a brother with whom we had not been previously acquainted and who stated that he desired to express to us his very great pleasure in the perusal of our reports. He said that he always read them with great interest and looked forward to the next with feelings of delightful anticipation which were always realized, as they were always interesting and instructive. This was so unexpected that we were unable to make a suitable reply, but it was very gratifying all the same. We may take the flattering unction to our souls that there are others who peruse these reports and find pleasure in so doing, so that the valuable time and mental and manual labor consumed in their preparation is not altogether lost. We hope to make this report as interesting as the preceding.

Cato used to say to his friends that of three things he had good reason to repent, if ever he neglected the true performance of them—the first, if he divulged any secret; the second, if he adventured on the water when he might stay on dry land, and the third, if he should let any day neglectedly escape him without doing some good action. The first and third of these points recommend themselves particularly to the Craft. We should hear, see, and keep silent, and never allow a day to pass without affording succor to the distressed, or doing some kindly act for the

good of humanity. So may our principles and precepts be fully observed.

"Summe up at night what thou hast done by day ;
 And in the morning what thou hast to do.
 Dresse and undresse thy soul ; mark the decay
 And growth of it ; if with thy watch, that too
 Be down, then winde up both ; since we shall be
 Most surely judg'd, make thy accounts agree."

The question of physical fitness for initiation is still being discussed in many places. The rule that is most generally accepted, and that has common sense to recommend it, is that if a candidate can literally comply with all the requisites of the ceremonies he is physically qualified, otherwise not. The physical perfectionists, who require absolute bodily perfection, are being led into all sorts of absurd positions.

Our non-affiliates, and what to do with them, is a matter of concern to some jurisdictions. If carelessness only is the cause, a little attention and tact on the part of the Master and Secretary can avoid the trouble, but if a member really wishes to leave the institution our opinion is that the Craft is better without his valuable assistance. We can see no possible use for harsh measures, such as suspension or expulsion. The non-affiliate has no rights that a Lodge is bound to respect, and the loss is his, and not that of Masonry.

Other matters upon which we have heretofore expressed our ideas are subjects of discussion in the Proceedings which we have reviewed, such as the abuse of the ballot, the right of objection to advancement, and the harm that may be done to the Craft by parasitic bodies.

ALABAMA.

84th Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 6, 1904.

Robert J. Redden, G. M.

The Grand Master reports 17 new lodges.

The application for recognition of the Grand Orient of Brazil was postponed and that of Queensland was declined.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the tenets of Free Masonry are elevating and ennobling, and are opposed to ignorance, superstition and vice ;
 and

Whereas, education tends to remove these blighting influences with degrade humanity, therefore

Be it resolved by this Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, That the members of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction be earnestly and urgently recommended to use their influence for the upbuilding of the common schools in order that a common school education may be placed within the reach of every child in the State.

Volunteers are to be called for to organize a crusade for the establishment of a Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Bro. William Y. Titcomb reviews the Proceedings of Canada for 1903. He does not believe in the excessive centralization of power in the Grand Lodge and thinks that the lodges should have a voice in the enactment of organic laws, as, very often, the representative to Grand Lodge only represents his personal opinions. The display of the national flag in the lodge room is looked upon by Bro. Titcomb in the light of an innovation. He is also correctly opposed to Masonic (so-called) fairs, at which gambling devices are used or spectacular displays of Masonic emblems made.

Lodges, 413; members, 15,393; increase, 1,053.

Henry H. Matthews (Montgomery), G. M.

George A. Beauchamp (Montgomery) G. S.

ARIZONA.

23rd Communication, Tucson, November 15, 1904.

James S. Crompt, G. M.

Nearly all the lodges are in a healthy condition.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address, recommending "that action be taken prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors at lodge banquets," begs to report that it has given the matter careful consideration. It can find no indication that the Masons of Arizona are unable to control their appetites, and does not believe that the use of intoxicants by the brethren is of an alarming nature.

It is the duty of each Master to guard his Lodge, and if any member thereof conducts himself in such manner as to reflect unfavorably upon the Fraternity, the Master should admonish him of his errors, and, if unable to bring about a reformation, the offending brother should be disciplined by the lodge.

Masonry is not a prohibition society, nor is it its province to reform the world. Temperance is defined by us as a domestic and public virtue, whereby we are taught to avoid excess; but one may be intemperate in his views on the "liquor question" as well as in other ways.

Your committee commends the motives of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, but finds no reason at this time for any action by this Grand Lodge.

In his review of Canada for 1903 Bro. Charles D. Belden says:

Two hundred and seventy-four pages, the greater part of this book, is taken up with the reports of the District Deputies. These papers are of the greatest importance locally. They are better than inspection reports in that they show esprit du corps of each sub-division and suggest those things which a tabulated statement fails to exhibit. Each district has a proper tabular statement, but the pith of the document is the fraternal criticism which is freely indulged in and such comments will be apt to encourage each lodge in its ambitions.

Lodges, 19; members, 1,191; increase, 68.

George Shand (Tucson), G. M.

George J. Roskrige (Tucson), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

62nd Communication, Little Rock, November 15, 1904.

John T. Hicks, G. M.

The Grand Master differed radically from his predecessors in the matter of new lodges. He opened no fewer than fifteen, and says that every community which has the good fortune to contain a Masonic lodge is materially benefited in its moral condition by a personal contact with its members. On the state of the Craft he says:

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show that in each of the ten districts of the State the brethren are living together in unity. The Deputies have received many invitations, and no single request has been refused. They report the work in the ritual as rapidly approaching absolute uniformity.

While I have not received nor expected a written report from the Grand Lecturer, I know personally he has maintained his former reputation for activity and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties.

In my extended correspondence with lodges all over the State I have had only two instances of factional dissension among the members of lodges. One of these grew out of a Masonic trial in which the friends of the accuser and of the accused "took sides," and the other is the result of an effort of a few to divide the lodge because the officers didn't do "it" like it was done over there where they came from. In this case I was requested to suspend the Master for alleged incompetency, whereas the District Deputy and the Grand Lecturer reported that the Master's work measured quite up to the standard.

On the whole, I am proud to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout the land.

The wisdom of biennial sessions is demonstrated by the fact that they are out of debt and have a surplus for the first time since their Temple was erected. They are now preparing for a Masonic Home. The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the debt on the Temple being now fully provided for ; be it

Resolved, that the edict of this Grand Lodge, requiring of the lodges fees for degrees to be applied to the payment of the debt on the Temple, be and the same is hereby repealed as of date October 1, 1904, and no such fees shall be collected by this Grand Lodge on degrees conferred after the said date, but all lodges shall be required to pay such fees for all degrees conferred before said October 1, 1904.

Lodges, 477; members, 16,455.

S. T. Rowe (Greenwood), G. M.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

33rd Communication, Rossland, June 23, 1904.

C. Ensor Sharp, G. M.

New lodges were opened at Grand Forks, Phoenix and Windermere, all in the Boundary district.

The Deputy Grand Master thus reports one of his visits to a lodge in Vancouver:

I made a visit to Cascade Lodge No. 12 on the occasion of their entertaining some very distinguished brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who took part in conferring the degree on the son of one of the visitors. Those who assisted on that evening were Most Worshipful Brothers Malone and Walkem, Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Brother Allen, Deputy Grand Master, and Worshipful Brother Roaf, all of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The prominent feature of this volume is the able report on Correspondence by Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith. We are glad to copy his remarks on the Ancient Landmarks:

We are aware that many so-called "Landmarks" have been formulated by various Masonic authorities, but apparently in every such case the origin of such so-called "Landmarks" is found to be in some enactment of a Masonic body, or is some regulation of a Grand Lodge, or has to do with a Grand Lodge. As Masonry antedates all Grand Lodges, the "Landmarks"—the original basic principles of the Fraternity—must antedate all such organizations, and principles and practices, however

respected or venerated, either enacted by Grand Lodges or having to do with such bodies cannot be "Landmarks."

For instance, there is no principle of more general acceptance in the Fraternity to-day than that a profane cannot be made a Mason except in a duly organized lodge holding authority from some recognized Masonic authority. Yet it is thoroughly well-known that something more than two hundred years ago Masons were made in lodges convened for the occasion, with no authority to do Masonic work except the fact that the brethren were Masons, and which dissolved as soon as the purpose which called them together was accomplished; and Masons so made were regularly made and admitted by election into duly warranted lodges. That a lodge can only act under a warrant is not, therefore, a "Landmark."

Other similar cases might be cited, but this is sufficient to show that because a principle of Masonic law is now generally accepted, it does not follow that it is one of the "Landmarks" of Free Masonry.

We thoroughly sympathize with the committee in their statement that "The task . . . of formulating the 'Landmarks' of Free Masonry is no light one," and if we accept the principle that the committee lays down that the landmarks only rise to the dignity of landmarks when their origin is lost in obscurity, and that a Masonic principle cannot be accepted as a landmark when its origin can be discovered, we fancy that one or two even of the landmarks enunciated above will have to be discarded. The assertion that Grand Masters existed before Grand Lodges has no basis in history, at least so far as English Freemasonry is concerned. In Scotland, William Schaw, who was Master of Work to James VI., appears to have occupied a position somewhat approaching that of Grand Master, but in England there is no authentic record of a Grand Master before the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717.

Neither is the practice of electing two Wardens in a lodge one which dates from time immemorial. The Schaw statutes of 1598 provide "That one Warden be elected annually by every lodge," while the records of several early Scotch lodges, e.g., the Scoon and Perth, the Aberdeen, the Melrose, and the Dunblane, show that the lodge was ruled by a Master with the assistance of a warden. In the southern kingdom the practice does not seem to have been uniform, and lodges seem to have elected one, two, or even four Wardens.

The practice of electing two Wardens does not appear to have prevailed in Scotland until introduced from England some time after the revival of 1717.

So, too, as regards the number of degrees. It is probable that originally there was only one degree, consisting of a reading of the Charge, to which the candidate gave his assent, and the communication of certain secrets, the nature of which is uncertain. At the present we have neither time nor space to discuss the origin of the so-called "Past Master" degree, but early in the last century it was evidently thought of considerable importance. Shortly before the union of the Moderns and Ancients, In England, the former

formed a "Lodge of Promulgation," and in this lodge on the 9th of October, 1810, it was resolved :

"That it appears to this lodge that the ceremony of Installation of Masters of lodges is one of the two landmarks of the Craft, and ought to be observed."

From this it will be seen that not only was the degree recognized, but it was considered to be one of the two landmarks, the other, unfortunately, not being mentioned.

Also the following on ritual :

This ritual question, it appears to us, is one upon which certain Grand Lodges have gone to great extremes, as they have with the question of liquor selling. We do not see that Masonry will suffer if all the lodges in a given jurisdiction do not work exactly alike, nor even if a lodge in one jurisdiction should use work brought from another jurisdiction. If, however, it is considered advisable to have uniformity of work, let one be selected and kept in the safe and sacred repository of the faithful breast of one or more of the members, and in its transmission throughout the jurisdiction it will not suffer enough change to do it any harm.

Lodges, 36; members, 2,624; increase, 151.

W. J. Bowser (Vancouver), G. M.

Robert E. Brett (Victoria), G. S.

COLORADO.

44th Communication, Denver, September 20th, 1904.

James R. Killian, G. M.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized.

The other transactions were entirely of local interest.

The Correspondence report is again by Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, and reviews Canada for 1903.

Lodges, 107; members, 10,559; increase, 493.

Benjamin L. James (Denver), G. M.

Charles H. Jacobson (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

117th Communication, New Haven, Jan. 18, 1905.

George E. Parsons, G. M.

After detailing his visitations Bro. Parsons says :

The work witnessed by me in the case of each lodge visited, as set forth above, was excellent, whatever the degree exemplified, and in each instance was performed with such dignity and impressiveness that it could not fail to produce a proper and lasting effect upon the candidate. The officers of each lodge visited have shown a sincere desire to interpret the work correctly, and to have it conform as closely as possible to what we call "standard work." I have found a uniform

willingness to accept advice and an earnest wish to be set aright if in error, even in the small details of the work, but the standard of the work in all of the lodges at the present time is such that little need exists for real criticism.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That there be required to be paid to the Grand Lodge from each lodge in the jurisdiction the sum of one dollar for each member upon its roll of membership.

Resolved, That in estimating their membership all members may be deducted who have been in good standing thirty years.

Resolved, That twenty-five per cent. of the amount received be appropriated for defraying the expenses of the Grand Lodge, and seventy-five per cent. be appropriated for the purposes of the Masonic Charity Foundation Fund of Connecticut.

Resolved, That the subordinate lodges be required to make their returns to the Grand Lodge as follows:

One-half on or before July 1, 1905, and one-half on or before January 1, 1906, both payments to be based upon the returns made January 1, 1905.

Resolved, That the necessary expenses of the Grand Master be paid, and also the expenses of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary be paid when making official visits at the request of the Grand Master.

The adoption of a Standard Work and the fixation of the standard was referred to a special committee to report next year.

Their Masonic Home "stands as a living monument to that practical charity which is an inseparable part of the Masonic institution and to the unselfishness of those who have been diligent in season and out, in its promotion and maintenance." The Home has 65 inmates and the cost for the last year was about forty cents for each member per diem, including all expenses.

The Grand Secretary presented his usual interesting review of other jurisdictions, including Canada for 1904. Lodges, 110; members, 19,346; increase, 299.

Asa P. Fitch (Hartford), G. M.

John H. Barlow (Hartford), G. S.

COSTA RICA.

At a special meeting held at San Jose on November 12, 1903, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas,

(1) The Sup. Coun. of the A. & A. S. R. (Guatemala) has declared the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica irregular, and pro-

hibited all Masonic relations between the brethren of the two jurisdictions ;

(2) The aforesaid Sup. Coun. has warranted in the Republic of Costa Rica the soi-disant Atenea lodge thereby committing an invasion of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge ;

(3) In spite of fraternal remonstrance the Sup. Coun. persists in its endeavors to promote discord among the Craft in this republic ;

Therefore, be it resolved :

(1) That the so-called Atenea Lodge and all its members, present and future, are hereby declared clandestine ;

(2) That every Mason who has aided and abetted in the formation of that clandestine lodge, whether a member or not, is hereby declared subject to expulsion from the Craft ; provided that : should any such delinquent present himself before his original lodge (or if unaffiliated, before any regular lodge in this jurisdiction) and recognize his error before the 26th of November next, he shall be exempt from punishment in this matter ;

(3) That the following notification be sent to the lodges of Central America :

In view of the invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica by the Supreme Council of Central America, the former body is under the necessity of refusing admission to its lodges of all Masons belonging to the jurisdiction of the said Supreme Council.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica will welcome, and will aid to the best of its ability in the foundation of a Grand Lodge in each of the Republics of Central America, thereby assisting in the promulgation of the pure principles of the Craft and the re-establishment of harmony among the Fraternity in Central America.

(4) That a copy of the foregoing series of resolutions be sent to all Grand Bodies throughout the world ;

(5) That before issuing the notification mentioned in resolution No. 3, the Grand Lodge shall await its meeting of January next, thereby affording the Sup. Coun. an opportunity to reconsider its action.

Subsequent negotiations were completely successful, and in February, 1904, the Grand Master was enabled to announce that he had the pleasure of putting the copestone to their arrangements with the Supreme Council of Central America by accrediting a representative to that body.

They have now 48 recognitions from other Grand Bodies.

No affiliation fees are chargeable in this jurisdiction.

Lodges, 7 ; members, 189 ; increase, 2.

John M. Keith (San Jose), G. M.

Edmund A. Osborne (San Jose), G. S.

CUBA.

Annual Communication, March 29, 1904.

Jose F. Pellon, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master opens as follows :

Once more, perhaps the last time, I comply with the pleasant duty imposed upon me by the Constitution, of delivering you my annual address. In doing so I again invoke the venerated and august name of the Great Architect of the Universe, under whose guidance the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons must always assemble. May He be our protecting shield in the labors of the present communication, and may the Masons of Cuba continue thereunder in the work of the new Masonic year about to begin, after the expiring one has been replete with legitimate satisfaction for us, inasmuch as peace and harmony have reigned in our lodges ; enthusiasm among our brethren has given repeated signs of a healthy growth ; we have observed among them that spirit of social discipline which forms one of the necessary guarantees of every well organized human society ; in numbers our Fraternity has increased and the treasury of the Grand Lodge has reached a degree of prosperity never attained even in former times of general affluence.

Four new lodges were formed and two re-organized.

Intercourse with the Grand Orient of France was interdicted.

Lodges, 60 ; members, 2,452 ; increase, 204.

Jose F. Pellon (Cienfugos), G. M.

Aurelio Miranda (Havana), G. S.

DELAWARE.

98th Communication, Wilmington, October 5, 1904.

Charles H. Maull, G. M.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges except one and found the Craft in good condition.

For the purpose of instruction in the work the State is divided into three districts, and the Chairman of the Lodge of Instruction in each district is required to pass an examination before the Committee on Work. The Chairman of the first district in his report says :

I take this opportunity to say to the members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, in my judgment, neither the present system of three instructors nor the requirement of these instructors to pass an examination before the Committee on Work, will ever secure absolute uniformity in Masonic work. To make the work uniform it will be necessary for this Grand Lodge to appoint one member and he alone to constitute a

committee on work and give him the absolute power to teach the work to the officers of our subordinate lodges in the way and manner in which he himself has acquired it. For five men to say what shall be the uniform work, and among these five men there be some who have not given the work study for several years and consequently having forgotten certain parts or certain words, necessarily resolves it in to a course of confusion and embarrassment to the Chairman of the Lodge of Instruction.

This suggestion was regarded with favor, but as not feasible from a financial point of view. It seems to us that the expense would be trifling in comparison with the benefit attained.

The returns show 90 rejections during the year.

Lodges, 22; members, 2,602; increase, 98.

R. Henry Young (Wilmington), G. M.

Benjamin F. Bartram (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

94th Communication, Washington, Dec. 21, 1904.

James A. Wetmore, G. M.

Among the many interesting matters which are considered by the Grand Master in his annual address we find in his replies to the Grand Orient of Belgium and the Grand Lodge of Switzerland the following information:

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother: I am in receipt of your circular letter of May 15, 1904, conveying an invitation from the Grand Orient of Belgium to this Grand Lodge to appoint delegates to represent it at the International Masonic Congress to be held at Brussels, commencing August 27, 1904.

In reply I beg leave to say that this Grand Lodge, while expressing the most fraternal good will for the representatives of all regular Grand Lodges who may be present, and avowing entire sympathy with the purposes sought to be promoted by the congress, is constrained to decline participation therein. One very cogent reason for this determination is to be found in the fact that such a cosmopolitan assembly attracts the irregular and clandestine bodies of this country, which seek to obtain the semblance of regularity through association with legitimate bodies, and their representatives, owing to a lack of knowledge on the part of our European brethren of Masonic conditions in the United States, are apt to be given full faith and credit. This is the case with the so-called "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the District of Columbia," which is a clandestine body composed entirely of persons of African descent. The representative of this body was admitted to the Geneva congress of 1902, and it cites this fact in support of an application for fraternal recognition that it has recently made to Grand Lodges in Europe and Australia.

I mail you to-day, under separate cover, a copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge of 1903, and invite your attention to page 195, which gives the name of every regular Grand Lodge in the United States, together with the name and address of its Grand Secretary. Assuming that the congress at Brussels desires to avoid the errors of the congress at Geneva, and admit only such delegates as are accredited by legitimate bodies, I beg leave to suggest that in the examination of the credentials of delegates from Grand Lodges in the United States the names of the Grand Secretaries attesting the same be verified by comparison with this list.

There are thirty-one clandestine Grand Lodges in the United States, composed of persons of African descent, which derive their origin from a lodge formed in Boston, Mass., in 1784, under a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of England. The organization of the lodge was irregular, for the reason that it was an invasion of the rights of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the name of the lodge was stricken from the register of the Grand Lodge of England a few years later. This lodge and its descendant lodges and Grand Lodges have never been recognized by any regular Grand Lodge in the United States, or by any regular Grand Lodge in the world that is cognizant of Masonic conditions in this country.

The usual "Grand Visitations" were made by the Grand Master to all the lodges. On each of these occasions an excellent program was provided for the entertainment of the visitors and members. A rigid inspection was also made:

It is so rarely that anything is developed at these grand visitations calling for unfavorable comment or criticism that the impression seemed to prevail in certain quarters that the examination of the records of the lodges was made perfunctorily, and that the grand visitations were mere formal affairs, where the Grand Lodge takes everything for granted as being all right. Quite the contrary is true, and the examinations made by the R. W. Grand Secretary have involved the following of every candidate through the record to see that the necessary time had elapsed between degrees, and the proper return made to the Grand Lodge, as well as to see that the transactions of the lodges had all been regular, as disclosed by their records, and that a proper minute of their meetings had been made; while the examination by the Grand Treasurer of the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurers of the lodges has been as careful and comprehensive as would have been given by any auditing committee. The necessity, therefore, of having the books of the lodges in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer at least ten days before the date fixed for a grand visitation, as required by our Constitution, will be apparent.

Without a single exception the condition of the constituent lodges, as shown by their records, is excellent; their affairs are being administered with a due regard for law and authority; the degrees are conferred in a careful manner, and

harmony—that prime essential in an institution such as ours—prevails.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized. The application of Queensland was postponed.

Bro. G. W. Baird reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 26; members, 7,365; increase, 301.

Lurtin R. Ginn (Washington), G. M.

Arvine W. Johnston (Washington), G. S.

ENGLAND.

At the Annual Grand Festival, April 27, 1904, the Grand Master was duly proclaimed. The Earl Amherst was appointed Pro Grand Master and Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, Deputy Grand Master. The appointed officers were then invested, and 32 brethren received Past Grand rank of various grades. In the evening the officers and members of Grand Lodge, with a great number of brethren, partook of an excellent entertainment, provided by the Grand Stewards at Freemasons' Tavern, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were given to the Board of Grand Stewards for their liberality.

Quarterly Communication, June 1, 1904.

A number of amendments were made to the rules of the Board of Benevolence, one of which makes it clear that widows and orphans of English Masons only are eligible for assistance.

The Grand Registrar explained that the term "communication" is applicable only to the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge and not to the meetings of Provincial or District Grand Lodges.

Two brethren were suspended for the unauthorized publication of Masonic matters in the newspapers.

Quarterly Communication, March 1, 1905.

The sum of 250 guineas was voted for a wedding present to the King's eldest daughter, on her marriage to Prince Oscar of Sweden.

The sum of £30,000 is to be expended on the reconstruction and decoration of Freemasons' Tavern.

The Duke of Connaught, G. M.

Sir Edward Letchworth, G. S.

FLORIDA.

76th Communication, Jacksonville, January 17, 1905.
Thomas M. Puleston, G. M.

Their 75th anniversary was celebrated by special exercises. The historical address was delivered by Bro. Samuel Pasco, P. G. M. The first lodge appears to have been opened in 1768:

By the terms of the treaty of Paris, which was concluded February 10, 1763, Spain, in return for Havana and the Island of Cuba, which then belonged to Great Britain, ceded to the latter "Florida with Fort St. Augustine and the Bay of Pensacola." It remained under British control for twenty years when, on September 3, 1783, these two powers entered into another treaty by the terms of which Great Britain received the Bahama Islands from Spain and re-ceded to that nation Florida, then comprising two provinces, designated as East Florida and West Florida.

In 1768, during the period of this British occupation, James Grant was Governor and Commander in Chief of East Florida and his official residence was at St. Augustine. He was also a Craftsman and united with other Masonic brethren in the province in a petition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter to establish a lodge at St. Augustine to be called Grant's East Florida Lodge, and asking also that Governor Grant be appointed Provisional Grand Master over the lodges in the southern district of North America.

The prayers of the petitioners were granted March 15, 1768, and a commission was accordingly issued to Brother Grant; at the same time a lodge was chartered at St. Augustine, which, being under the immediate supervision of the Provisional Grand Master, was endowed with the authority and privileges of a Grand Lodge.

The application for recognition of the Grand Orient of Brazil was denied and that of Queensland was deferred.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That on every application for the mysteries of Freemasonry the following words be printed in plain type, "the regulations of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of the State of Florida render any man engaged in selling intoxicating liquors ineligible for initiation into the mysteries of Free Masonry and forbid any Mason in this jurisdiction to engage in such business."

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Silas B. Wright, and is excellent as usual. Canada for 1904 is kindly mentioned.

Lodges, 153; members, 6,019; increase, 590.

Charles W. Johnson (Jacksonville), G. M.

Wilber P. Webster (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

118th Communication, Macon, October 25, 1904.

Max Meyerhardt, G. M.

The Grand Master again reports wonderful progress, "a substantial increase in numbers, peace and harmony prevailing, the moral standard raised high, a full treasury, many new lodges instituted, and above all, the Home fully completed."

Their Masonic Home was dedicated with imposing ceremonies. Its cost was about \$25,000.

Recognition was extended to the new Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Queensland.

The large number of expulsions (sixty) seemed very singular in so prosperous a jurisdiction, until we found the explanation, which is that they expel for non-payment of dues. In his notice of New Hampshire Bro. A. Q. Moody has the following:

Under Georgia law, if a brother is unable to pay his dues, all he has to do is to say so. His word is sufficient, and his dues, both to the subordinate lodge and the Grand Lodge, are remitted. If he fails or refuses to pay, having the ability so to do, he is regularly tried, and, if found guilty, he is suspended for twelve months. If at the end of that time he still refuses to pay he is recommended to the Grand Lodge for expulsion. If at any time afterwards he pays up all his back dues the Grand Lodge will restore him to all Masonic rights and privileges.

Canada for 1903 receives fraternal mention.

Lodges, 471; members, 24,120; increase, 1,279.

Max Meyerhardt (Rome), G. M.

W. A. Wolihin (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO.

37th Communication, Boise, September 13, 1904.

Joshua M. Cowen, G. M.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges except two and opened three new lodges. He also says:

And in all our established lodges I have been pleased to note the evidences of a substantial growth, and know that the principles of our beautiful order are still reaching out toward the great mass of struggling humanity and drawing still others inside its peaceful haven of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, united by the sacred bond of brotherhood.

The new Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Valle de Mexico were recognized.

In his review of Canada for 1903 Bro. George E. Knep-
per has the following criticism on the reports of our Dis-
trict Deputies, which we can hardly say is undeserved:

The volume of proceedings contains about 500 pages. Al-
most exactly half of the space is taken up with the reports of
the District Deputy Grand Masters. This is a heavy part of
the volume and could be much improved. In gleaning these
reports we find much twaddle that could profitably be omit-
ted. A whole page of "thanks" is putting it on pretty thick.

Lodges, 37; members, 1,954; increase, 256.

Albert W. Gordon (Kendrick), G. M.

T. W. Randall (Boise), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

65th Communication, Chicago, October 4, 1904.

William B. Wright, G. M.

From the very able address of the Grand Master we
should judge that he had a busy year and that the adminis-
tration of the affairs of the Craft had been more than suc-
cessful. His marvellous tact enabled him to secure an
amicable settlement in almost every case of complaint.

The following report of the Committee on Jurispru-
dence was adopted:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred
the following decisions, to-wit:

"I have been asked if it were proper for Masons, indi-
vidually, or as a lodge, to participate or aid in the conduct of
a 'Fair' where books of chance and drawings were features,
and I have decided that to do so was a clear violation of Sec-
tion 6, Article 32, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-laws.

"While I do not think any argument necessary in support
of the above decision, I take this occasion to emphasize
the position of this M. W. Grand Lodge upon the subject of
gambling in all its various forms.

"Lotteries and games of chance are prohibited by Acts of
Congress and by acts of the legislatures in nearly every
State. The acts are held to be constitutional and are en-
forced by the courts when they are invoked in cases pend-
ing before them. And the Mason who aids or gives counte-
nance to lottery or gift enterprises in any form or under any
pretext, not only violates the plain provisions of the above
section but transgresses the law of the land which he is
taught in his lodge to respect and obey."

Respectfully reports, that it gives them great pleasure to
unanimously recommend its approval by this M. W. Grand
Lodge. Our law has prohibited aid, in any form, to any "lot-
tery, or gift enterprise" for more than thirty years, and M.
W. Grand Masters in former years have used their authority

to prevent such unmasonic conduct. Your committee congratulates this M. W. Grand Lodge in having a M. W. Grand Master to faithfully construe and execute our laws.

Every lodge in this large jurisdiction reported promptly and all Grand Lodge dues were paid. The Grand Secretary is evidently an efficient officer, and they must have an unusually large number of careful lodge secretaries.

As a labor of love and at his own expense, Bro. John C. Smith, the best of their bright galaxy of Past Grand Masters, has unearthed and published the history of the First Grand Lodge of Illinois. This body became defunct 13 years before the formation of the present Grand Lodge. In this matter the gallant General has achieved success where others made costly failures. The Grand Lodge subscribed for 500 copies of this remarkable work.

The Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home continues to do excellent work. There are 82 inmates, and the cost per year is about \$15,000, all of which is defrayed by the Grand Lodge. Part of the report of the Superintendent is pleasant reading:

A large number went out to enjoy their vacation with relatives and friends; all came home in good health; those that remained at home all summer vacation have had a happy time also, going to the parks. Dearborn Lodge No. 310 invited and entertained the children at their picnic at Mokena, Ill. York Chapter No. 148 invited and entertained the children at their picnic at Northwestern Park, Des Plaines River. Queen Esther Chapter No. 41, O. E. S., invited the children to their children's party, and each one came home with a box of sweets. The children have also enjoyed going on the steamer Eastland to South Haven, Michigan, when they were entertained with a dinner and had the privilege of helping themselves in the orchard, by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Snell, and also a picnic at Highland Park. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith remembered the children and invited them to their reception to the Masonic Veterans, our children taking part in the singing.

The Grand Lodge by-laws were amended so as to provide that no lodge should be named after a living person.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized, and as to the formation of Grand Lodges in open territory, the following resolution (called forth by the situation in Queensland) was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is constrained by events to declare: That when the number of lodges existing in territory not already occupied by an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge becomes sufficient to warrant the formation of

a Sovereign Grand Lodge, such lodges and the brethren thereof are and of right ought to be free to discuss, canvass and determine all questions incident to a proposed organization without duress from any other Masonic power; and that the Grand Lodge of Illinois will not respect any attempted deprivation of the masonic rights, either of lodges or of individual Masons, sought to be imposed for no other offence than participation in the formation of a Grand Lodge in conformity with the Masonic law into which the numerous precedents furnished by the history of the Fraternity have now crystallized.

In the limited space at our disposal for each jurisdiction it is quite impossible to do justice to the exhaustive and valuable report on Correspondence by Bro. Joseph Robbins. In his introduction he says:

We had designed referring at some length to the condition of affairs in Australasia, where we are now confronted with the spectacle of district Grand Lodges—in one instance with the countenance and support of its sovereign and independent parent body—seeking to deprive the lodges and brethren of their obedience by duress proceeding even to the seizing of charters and lodge property and to suspension of individual Masons, of the indefeasible right attaching to their existence in open autonomous territory in numbers sufficient to form an independent Grand Lodge, to determine for themselves, as a majority thereof may decide, the question of forming such a Grand Lodge. We can, however, only take time to say that it is as morally certain as anything can be that has not been put to the test, that the Grand Lodges in this quarter of the world will not respect any attempted deprivation of Masonic rights, either of lodges or individuals, for no other offence than participating in a movement to consider the erection of, or to establish a Grand Lodge under such circumstances, if it is done conformably to the Masonic law into which the abundant precedents furnished by the history of Masonry, and far more numerous than any other, have now crystallized.

Bro. Robbins thinks that the reports of our District Deputies command more individual readers than any other portion of the Proceedings, being so detailed and comprehensive. We also quote the following:

The following amendment to a constitutional provision making, as we infer, a summons to show cause and an opportunity thereunder to show cause why the same should not be done, a condition precedent to the revocation of the charter of a lodge, we regard as violative of sound Masonic principle and defining a power in the Grand Lodge which ought not to exist anywhere. We are at loss to see from any standpoint why such a power is sought to be invoked. The recognized power of the Grand Master to suspend the functions of any lodge

until the meeting of the Grand Lodge seems ample to meet any emergency:

Provided, that where indubitable testimony is submitted that the lodge is guilty of maintaining practices contrary to and subversive of the ancient usages and regulations, Grand Lodge may, without such summons, proceed to erase the offending lodge.

Lodges, 732; members, 70,921; increase, 4,254.

William B. Wright (Effingham), G. M.

J. H. C. Dill (Bloomington), G. S.

INDIANA.

84th Communication, Indianapolis, May 23, 1904.

George E. Grimes, G. M.

The past year has been a busy one in all lines of the work; prosperity, peace and harmony prevail. Seven new lodges were opened.

A proposition to establish a Grand Charity Fund was negatived. The Committee on Ways and Means reported as follows:

We deem it unwise and inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to assume the great responsibility of dispensing Masonic charity, a duty which is incumbent upon every lodge of Masons and every individual Mason. The lodge in whose jurisdiction an applicant for charity resides is the best qualified to judge of the needs and wants of the applicant. The lodge or brother should if possible anticipate the wants and necessities of the less fortunate and not compel him or them to suffer the extreme humiliation of applying for Masonic charity. Let each lodge and each individual brother practice the beautiful tenets of Masonry and not compel the needy to wait until this Grand Lodge could convene a committee to furnish relief for those in immediate want.

The greatest of Masonic attributes is charity, not systematic charity, but that charity which springs from the sympathetic and responsive heart, the heart that can feel for another.

Your committee are, therefore, of the opinion that the true meaning and intent of Masonic charity can be the better exemplified by each of the lodges in their respective communities than by any committee appointed by this Grand Lodge so widely separated from those who may be in need of immediate assistance.

We, therefore, recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

A special committee was appointed to report on a Masonic Home and its cost of maintenance per annum.

Bro. Daniel McDonald reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 531; members, 42,627; increase, 2,428.

Alfred W. Emery (Evansville), G. M.

Calvin W. Prather (Indianapolis), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

31st Communication, Claremore, August 9, 1904.

Philip D. Brewer, G. M.

"Masonry is losing none of its old-time popularity in the esteem of the wise, conservative men of the various sections of the country." This is the belief of the Grand Master, notwithstanding the prevalence of other orders and fraternities. Fifteen new lodges attest the spread of Masonic principles. Nearly all the lodges are in excellent condition and doing splendid work. The following warning should be noted:

Some time since my attention was called to a couple of negro, so called, Masonic lodges, one at Bristow, I. T., and one at Newby, I. T., to which it was claimed that some white men belonged, and had been imposing themselves upon the community as Masons. I investigated this most astounding proposition and found to my horror and chagrin, that at Bristow, at least, one white man was a member of the so-called negro Masonic lodge, and that at Newby at least three white men belonged and affiliated with them. I notified Tuscan Lodge, No. 134, located at Bristow, that any such men were clandestine, and warned it to have nothing to do with them, and I now warn the Craft at large to be careful of strangers hailing from either locality, and advise that special inquiry as to the name and number of the lodges they claim to belong to.

Bro. Henry M. Furman is highly commended for his self-sacrificing efforts in behalf of the Orphans' Home Fund. This fund now amounts to over \$25,000, of which the Grand Lodge has contributed one-third.

As we perused the following, it seemed somewhat familiar, or as if we had, in a dream, seen something similar. At all events, Bro. Murrow deserves credit for his plain talk, and it will do the brethren no harm to do a little serious thinking about an important matter that is sometimes not conducted properly:

The installation ceremonies were a farce. The business of the body was over. The election was over. It was late. Many brethren were anxious to catch a train soon due. The Grand Secretary was requested to perform the installation service in "short order." No book was furnished. Brethren were constantly leaving the hall. There was confusion, noise, haste and entire lack of interest.

The Grand Secretary did the best he could under the circumstances. He will never do the like again. The installation of the new officers of a Grand Lodge should be made impressive. This requires sufficient time. It should have the earnest attention and interest of all the brethren.

Lodges, 152; members, 5,669; increase, 402.

Wilson O. Bruton (Muldrow), G. M.

Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

61st Communication, Sioux City, June 7, 1904.

Charles C. Clark, G. M.

The Grand Master ruled that any wilful misrepresentation of any of the prerequisites for admission is a Masonic offence, for which the perpetrator may at any time after reception be tried and punished.

On the interchange of lodge visits Bro. Clark says:

Would there might be a vastly greater amount of visitation among lodges. Wherever tried it has proven of the greatest benefit. In our own little circle we are too apt to become narrow and bigoted. Self-satisfaction is fatal to progress. We only grow as our horizon widens. Invite in your neighboring lodges. Get up a friendly rivalry in the conferring of degrees. Have social sessions, with a talk on some one of the infinite subjects of interest to the Craft, and you will not only be repaid a thousand fold for all the effort and cost, but you will wonder why you have never before tried the experiment.

Their wonderful Masonic Library is justly a source of great pride. It is practically an inexhaustible storehouse of the Masonic history and literature of the ages, and its great resources challenge the admiration of the Masonic world.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the custodians inquire into and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge upon the proper method of examination of a brother who desires to visit a lodge in this jurisdiction, both as practiced in this and other jurisdictions.

Bro. John W. Barry, the committee appointed last year to report the correct height of the two pillars, made an elaborate report, illustrated with stereopticon views of various ancient temples. The conclusion of the report, which was adopted, is as follows:

Masonic writers uniformly attach great importance to Jachin and Boaz. Even to the uninitiated they are the most prominent objects in the lodge room. That more and better lessons may be taught by truth than by error is a self-evident proposition; whether of a symbolic nature or otherwise. It, therefore, follows that when errors are found they should be corrected that truth may prevail. The recent action of the Presbyterians in changing their creed, and the revision of the Holy Bible itself, within the memory of us all, do but illustrate the general principle. Your committee, therefore, recommends that the second degree work be so changed that the height of Jachin and Boaz will be given as eighteen cubits, in accordance with the work now in many jurisdictions, in accordance with all Masonic writers and other investigators, and in particular, and above all, in accordance with the Holy Bible.

The incoming Grand Master was empowered to appoint a Grand Historian.

A fine portrait and biographical sketch of our late beloved Grand Secretary, Bro. J. J. Mason, appears in this volume.

Bro. Joseph E. Morcombe furnishes another of his high-class reports on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1904 finds a place. We wish we could write like this:

In an armed camp, during the night watches, there passes at intervals from outlying post to post the reassuring cry of the sentinels, betokening watchfulness and security. So from year to year there goes from one to another of these writers on correspondence the "All's Well" of Masonry. These are the watchers upon whom you rely for warning of danger from within or without. And happy indeed the Craft, when one after another of these sentinels answers: "There is peace and harmony and prosperity within our bounds." Here and there, perhaps, a little argument in the camp—some slight brotherly difference in counsel or in methods, but naught which may disturb harmonious relations or render the work less effective.

Yet as long-continued times of peace or periods of unbroken prosperity may weaken a great people, softening their manhood with luxurious living and sapping their virility with effeminate ease, so it is possible that material prosperity may bring like dangers to the fraternity. Already there are warnings given lest prosperity should tend to cheapen ancient privilege, or that the desire for increased numbers should lead to weakening innovations. Better a compact body, tried and disciplined, than a great rabble of foolishly enthusiastic and undrilled recruits. Better the entrance of one into your lodge who comes with an understanding heart and a receptive mind, than the admission of many, prompted only by curiosity or a desire to stand well in the community by membership in our ancient brotherhood. To these your holiest emblems are but as idle toys, your instruction but empty

words. And if a time of stress and trial shall ever come, then these seekers after novelty and these fair-weather brethren will at once grow lukewarm and faint-hearted and recreant to their vows and bring discredit by desertion.

Like the great temples which the peoples of antiquity builded, Masonry has a place for each class of its votaries, according to need, knowledge, and receptivity for instruction. In its outer court he who is content with formula and words of rote may be satisfied. The external show and sight of unexplained symbols may fill him with awe and even with some glimmering of aspiration. He is bettered, unconsciously to himself, by his surroundings. But only the enlightened ones, prepared for the higher initiation of understanding, will the genius of Masonry lead into the adytum of her temple and reveal the esotory of her pregnant symbolism.

Lodges, 504; members, 34,595; increase, 1,362.

Sumner Miller (Guttenburg), G. M.

Newton R. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

KANSAS.

49th Communication, Wichita, February 15, 1905.

Thomas G. Fitch, G. M.

Two Past Grand Masters received the final summons, Bros. Joseph D. McCleverty and Jacob D. Rush. Bro. McCleverty was born in Ontario.

On account of the establishment of the District Deputy system and provision made thereby for visitation to every lodge, the Grand Master deemed it unnecessary to visit extensively. The new system was on its trial during the year. The result was to demonstrate its efficiency, and it is to be continued.

The following recommendations were adopted:

That the work of gathering historical documents and relics and indexing the library be continued; that the special committee be continued, vested with the powers and privileges granted by the legislation at the annual communication of 1904, which created said committee; that an appropriation of \$1,000 be requested, to be applied by said special committee with the approval of the Grand Master and the Council of Administration, as contemplated in the legislation creating said committee at the last annual communication. That a special communication of the Grand Lodge be held at such time as might be determined by the said committee in conference with the Council of Administration: that at said special communication of the Grand Lodge suitable ceremonies should be conducted in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas; that the Council of Administration be requested to provide funds to defray the necessary incidental expenses

of such special communication, which expenses should not include any mileage to representatives or compensation to committees.

Bro. William M. Shaver again reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1904 has a kindly notice.

Lodges, 373; members, 25,986; increase, 1,244.

Samuel R. Peters (Newton), G. M.

Albert K. Wilson (Topeka), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

104th Communication, Louisville, Oct. 18, 1904.

Owen D. Thomas, G. M.

In granting dispensations for new lodges the Grand Master made them agree that they would not be any expense to Grand Lodge, that is, that their representatives would not draw out more, as mileage and per diem, than was paid in by said lodges as dues.

A resolution was adopted declaring that the Entered Apprentice Ob. forbids the printing, writing or making of ciphers of any part of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

The following resolution was carried:

Whereas, Those who have been raised and educated by the Home and have gone out into the world in various avocations, quite a number of them have organized a club, or association, known as the Guild; be it

Resolved, That this Guild Club be given a place on the first day of the Grand Lodge, along with the children, to show the finished product of our "jewels" annually that we may view them.

The Grand Lodges of Western Australia, Costa Rica and Queensland were recognized.

Bro. William W. Clarke reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1903. In his notice of Arizona he says:

We will modestly suggest a sovereign remedy for the evil of non-payment of dues, and its twin evil, non-affiliation: Make your lodges worth having membership in. Masonry is nothing but a society, without excuse for existence, if its lessons make not men nobler and happier. Its ceremonies are but means to an end—admirable vehicles for the transmission of glorious truths. Make them so, and as sure as there is in man aspirations for the high and noble, he will seek and retain that affiliation which will meet and satisfy this condition of his nature.

Lodges, 486; members, 25,416; increase, 1,869.

Roland H. C. Rhea (Morganfield), G. M.

H. B. Grant (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

93rd Communication, New Orleans, February 6, 1905.

Louis P. Delahoussaye, G. M.

The progress of the Craft has been of a most satisfactory and encouraging character. The Grand Master visited a number of the lodges. Of these in the city of New Orleans, he says:

During the year I visited, officially, every lodge in this city, and in every instance the courtesy and attention of the brethren were all that could be desired. Through these visits I was enabled to come in close touch with the actual labors of the lodges, to learn of the internal management of affairs; of the present conditions surrounding each lodge and of the hopes for future progress and consequent development. In those known as "Our Latin Lodges," working in the French, Spanish, German and Italian languages, and designated as "Scottish Rite Lodges," I was most cordially and fraternally received and treated. I found in every instance a warm devotion to the great purposes of Masonry, a faithful performance of duty and an unswerving loyalty to this Grand Lodge. Meeting and mingling so intimately with the brethren in their lodges and at their social reunions has given me a broader view of my individual duty, a clearer conception of the grandeur of the mission of Freemasonry and a firmer determination to "act well my part" as a Mason.

The debt on their Temple is entirely extinguished, and the revenues can now be devoted to Craft purposes.

Seven new lodges were opened and the past year was one of the most successful in their history.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to furnish each constituent lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction with a register of all the regular lodges, under such regulations as may be provided, that imposters may be more readily detected:

Resolved, That every Master Mason, at the first stated meeting of the lodge in which he is raised, after thirty days after being raised, shall be examined in open lodge as to his proficiency in the Master's degree, as in the preceding degrees, and this examination shall be repeated from meeting to meeting until he shall have been found proficient in the lecture. And he shall be bound to attend for such examination.

Bro. Herman C. Duncan presented an excellent report on Correspondence, in which Canada has due mention.

Lodges, 159; members, 8,960; increase, 841.

L. P. Delahoussaye (New Orleans), G. M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

85th Communication, Portland, May 3, 1904.

William J. Burnham, G. M.

On the work of the District Deputies and the condition of the lodges the Grand Master says:

The reports of the District Deputies show a faithful discharge of their duties, that a high standard of work is being maintained, and that the lodges are having a large measure of prosperity; the influence of our Masonic conventions or schools of instruction is being felt, and the visitation of the District Deputies, with the suggestions and criticisms which they are privileged to make, conduces to the bettering of the work and stimulates the lodges as to who best can work, and we hope, best agree. It is evidence of the wisdom of our methods of instruction.

The subscriptions to the Drummond Memorial exceeded the amount required and the surplus was devoted to acquiring for the Grand Lodge the valuable Masonic library of the late Bro. Drummond, which is now in the Grand Lodge rooms.

The reply from the Grand Orient of Belgium regarding their connection with the Grand Orient of France was received from their representative, Bro. Albert J. Kruger, and was referred to the Committee on Correspondence. The principal parts of Bro. Kruger's letter are as follows:

I beg to state the outlines of the final report made at a recent meeting of the Grand Committee, to be about as follows:

A large majority of the French Masons, one may say all those known as intelligent and enlightened men, are engaged in a fight for rational liberty and a good many of them act as leaders among those determined to overthrow ecclesiastical persecution. All what has been achieved in that direction in France until now is due solely to the courage and to the immense efforts and perseverance of the Masons. The greater part of them are members of the different Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of France. The constitution of the Supreme Councils demand, as no doubt you know, a declaration in writing of the applicant's belief in the G. A. of the U. However, many of those brethren term themselves, or suffer themselves to be termed, free thinkers, a term adopted to designate those who are members of that powerful league created to throw down the consolidated force of clericalism and battle against the tyranny of the priesthood, not against religion—it would be wrong, however, to designate all Freethinkers as being Atheists.

Some of the most intelligent and highplaced men in France, mostly members of the brotherhood, are so called Freethinkers, which means that they do not accept nor adhere to the dogmas of the church or submit to confession—but they recognize and uphold liberty of thought and conscience and tolerance in religion. They consider all philosophic or religious opinions as entitled to respect, if they are the result of a free conviction. Occasionally they proclaim a dogma to be a truth packed ready for transportation, and "authority" the ship in which the dogma sails—they maintain that no soul can live on dogmas that cannot be opened into truth and that only the truth, which the soul appropriates, gives life.

Apart from the objection or inability of the enlightened freethinkers to entertain (as do a large number of other men and Masons in all parts of the world) the conception of a personal God—a conception to which may be largely attributed, as they say, the power of the church respectively, the priesthood—they maintain that, once the firm conviction rooted in men, that more satisfaction, more happiness can be obtained through their own power, energy and initiative, by observing moral laws and following Christ's precept, "Love each other," than by expecting to derive benefits and happiness from the dispositions of Providence. They would cease to desire the guardianship of the priesthood, likewise would the authority and power of the latter cease to be exercised as is now the case, the priests would remain within a proper useful sphere as teachers of love among men and as guardians and examples of pure morality, with no voice in public affairs, and in such a capacity they would render humanity greater services than all the millions annually spent, especially in Catholic countries, to prepare human beings for death.

Our French brethren say (and it is but too true) that the influence of the priests over the human minds is gained largely by the obligatory confessions to which they subject their adherents and whom they compel to recognize them (as priests) as the authorized medium between themselves and their God, claiming to be invested with power to give absolution if they think fit, or condemn to everlasting suffering.

The Catholic priests have ever been the privileged teachers of the human race, pretending that the only happiness and salvation of mankind can be found in what they teach, but have they ever taught lessons of love, peace on earth and good will to man with the same purity as Freemasonry? The hatred and fanaticism they have awakened, the cruelty, the tears, the ignorance they have caused, defies description and can only be understood by those, who had direct experience of the iniquities, of which such priests are capable, and they do all professedly in the name of religion and of the faith.

The church of Rome, in her opposition to all liberty of thought and tolerance in religion, has always been the enemy of Freemasonry. She hates our noble institution because it is founded on liberty of thought and tolerance in religion, knowing nothing of distinctive dogmas or conflicting creeds, having truth for its center.

Freemasonry has always been designated as the torchlight

of civilization, and its role should always be to enlighten humanity. In Catholic countries it has a special, a noble mission to perform, that is, to free enslaved minds from the shackles of tyranny. The French Masons are perfectly aware of their mission. They have taken up with energy and confidence the great struggle of light against darkness, of right against wrong, of sympathy against cruelty and oppression. Their watchword is : "The tyranny of priesthood must fall, shall fall—the glorious yet mysterious light of Freemasonry shall shine, must shine !"

In both France and Belgium the enemies of light and liberty are very strong and numerous, perhaps more so in Belgium, where a clerical government has held the reigns for years, and where ignorance and fanaticism possess most formidable strongholds. In Belgium, of course, Masonry is not recognized officially, and the Belgian Masons find themselves continually at war with said enemies ; individual Masons are opposed almost in every phase of their existence.

If the Catholic priests were less intolerant and less tyrannical, freethinkers would not exist. The standpoint which the Masons have taken in the different Catholic countries can only be explained as an expression of a counteraction against the priesthood.

The result of the discussion respecting the report of the committee authorized to correspond or exchange ideas with a certain number of influential Masons in France relative to pending questions has been the adoption of the following resolution :

"Acknowledging that the Grand Orient of France is guilty of certain unmasonic actions, which deserve criticism, but, in consideration of the fact that the French Masons are battling against the same common enemy of Freemasonry as their Belgian brethren, the latter cannot but be in sympathy with their French brethren, who are fighting so manfully for freedom of thought and action, for themselves and their children."

The resolution arrived as it the result of an extensive, thorough reflection, and I venture to hope that my communications will meet with due consideration on your part. I venture to believe that, if your good self and the Grand officers of Maine will, in your minds, only for a moment place yourselves in the position of the Grand Orient of Belgium, you cannot very well conclude an abrogation of your relations with us because we entertain relations with the Grand Orient of France.

Nothing appears to have been done in this matter except that all matters relating to Foreign Grand Lodges were referred to the Committee on Correspondence. In fighting the Roman Catholic priesthood the Masons of France and Belgium have gone to the other extreme. It seems a pity that some middle course could not be found. While we condemn their atheistical tendencies we cannot help sympathizing with them in the difficult situation in

which they are placed. It is very difficult for us to realize their position, and it is equally difficult for them to see things from our point of view.

The recognition of Costa Rica was deferred in order to see that this new Grand Lodge behaves itself properly. The committee hold that three legitimate lodges have the right to organize a Grand Lodge in unoccupied territory.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Albro E. Chase, and reviews our Proceedings of 1903. Bro. Chase thinks that Grand Lodge should be almost purely a representative body. He would not allow Past Masters to vote in Grand Lodge or to serve on committees, but they might be allowed a voice in the discussions.

Lodges, 201; members, 24,611; increase, 671.

Hugh R. Chaplin (Bangor), G. M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

29th Communication, Edmonton, June 18, 1904.

E. A. Braithwaite, G. M.

New lodges were opened at Saskatoon, Miami and Carleton Place.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted:

The proper course to adopt as to the examination of visitors, your Board would recommend that this Grand Lodge should rule that each visitor should be examined separately, and that the Tyler's test should be given at the conclusion thereof, after the examining committee are thoroughly satisfied that the visiting brother has given substantial proof of his fitness to enter the lodge: also that the visiting brother should produce some documentary evidence that he is a member in good standing of a regularly constituted lodge owing allegiance to a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Body.

Members of Manitoba lodges desiring to visit lodges outside of Manitoba can procure a Visiting Certificate, good for one year from date of issue.

There being no appeals or grievances the conclusion is irresistible that peace and harmony prevail throughout this large jurisdiction.

The sum of \$500 was placed to the credit of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

Lodges, 82; members, 4,274; increase, 463.

Rev. A. Chisholm (Macgregor), G. M.

James A. Ovas (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND.

118th Communication, Baltimore, November 15, 1904.
Thomas J. Shyrock, G. M.

The Grand Master reports continued prosperity. Notwithstanding the disastrous fire in Baltimore in February, which for a time almost paralyzed the energies of a large portion of the population, there has been no diminution of Masonic work. All the available space in the Temple was given up to the sufferers by the fire without cost.

The Grand Lodge of Egypt was recognized, and representatives are to be exchanged with the Grand Orient of Brazil.

Bro. J. H. Medairy, the Grand Secretary eméritus, died in February in his 83rd year. He was Grand Secretary for 40 years.

The Grand Lecturer visited all the lodges and found them in good condition, financially and otherwise.

In his review of Canada for 1903, Bro. E. T. Schultz devotes considerable space to proving that a Grand Lodge cannot "call off" for anything but "refreshment," and that we are entirely wrong in calling off to lay a corner-stone or to bury a brother. Bro. Schultz does not seem able to realize the fact that a Grand Lodge may be "open," although it is "called off." In Preston's Illustrations (12th edition, 1812) the outside ceremonies are given with considerable detail. In the instructions for the ceremony of laying a corner-stone, he says: "The lodge being opened by the Grand Master, and the rules for regulating the procession to and from the place where the ceremony is to be performed rehearsed by the Grand Secretary, the necessary cautions are given from the chair, and the lodge is adjourned, after which the procession sets out in the following order." The order of the procession is then given, and then the ceremony, and the instructions conclude thus: "after which the procession returns to the place whence it set out and the lodge is closed by the Grand Wardens." This is precisely our way of doing things. The printed record may not always show that the Grand Lodge was called off or adjourned, but it is always done prior to the performance of any outside ceremony.

Lodges, 106; members, 10,293; increase, 567.

Thomas J. Shyrock (Baltimore), G. M.

William M. Isaac (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

171st Communication, Boston, December 14, 1904.

Baalis Sanford, G. M.

The Grand Master reports the united and prosperous condition of Masonry generally throughout the State, and the devotion and loyalty exhibited by the brethren and lodges have been most pleasing.

The Grand Master interdicted the installation of a Junior Warden who had connected himself with a "Cerneau" body in violation of the regulations of the Grand Lodge. The offender brought suit in the civil court and was defeated. He then applied to another court for a mandamus and was again unsuccessful. The Grand Master hopes for no further trouble with these misguided people.

The requests for recognition from Queensland and Porto Rico were referred to a special committee.

Lodges, 239; members, 46,715; increase, 1,408.

Baalis Sanford (Brockton), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

52nd Communication, St. Paul, January 18, 1905.

William A. McGonagle, G. M.

The condition of the Craft is most excellent. Three new lodges were opened. Under "Miscellaneous Dispositions" the Grand Master says:

On August 20th a great storm damaged the lodge room at Merriam Park and took the charter that was hanging framed, on the wall, out of the building, and it has never since been found. I immediately issued a dispensation to the lodge to continue work until this communication of the Grand Lodge. It has been suggested that possibly the brethren in the planet Mars are now working under this charter, as their authority; if so, we may possibly see the forty-seventh problem of Euclid depicted upon the face of that planet at no distant date.

On May 4th I gave permission to the Acacia Club, of the University of Minnesota, to send out circular letters to all the lodges in this jurisdiction giving information that the club would extend a helping hand to all sons and daughters of Masons in the way of assisting them in case of sickness and in aiding them to secure rooms and board in reputable families. The members of this club are Master Masons, and I consider the work they have undertaken a most praiseworthy one, and so informed them by letter, wishing them Godspeed in their meritorious enterprise.

Honorary membership was abolished, the following resolution being adopted:

Resolved, That no lodge in this jurisdiction shall in the future grant honorary membership or exempt any of its members from the payment of lodge dues.

In his review of Canada for 1904, Bro. Irving Todd says of the address of Grand Master Harding: "The address is a practical business paper, with no allusions to the rolling round of another year, etc."

On the conferring of past rank, Bro. Todd says:

The conferring of past rank, although undoubtedly in most cases with the kindest of motives, has become so common in many jurisdictions that the distinction is of little value to the recipient. If the members of a lodge are desirous of complimenting a brother by making him a Past Master, why not elect him to the office and let the rank take care of itself?

Among the deaths of the year we find that of Bro. Matthew Craig, at the age of 91. He was a builder by trade and was raised in St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, as early as March 25, 1845.

Lodges, 242; members, 20,287; increase, 774.

Henry M. Tusler (St. Paul), G. M.

Thomas Montgomery (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSOURI.

84th Communication, St. Louis, September 27, 1904.

W. F. Kuhn, G. M.

Previous to the opening of the Grand Lodge, the children of the Masonic Home, under the charge of the Matron, circled the hall, formed a picturesque group upon the platform and entertained the brethren with beautiful songs and an eloquent recitation.

The Grand Master reports ten new lodges, although he thinks that they have too many lodges and that fully 75 could be consolidated with profit and strength to all.

When a lodge is at work its charter must be present, but a strict adherence to this rule was the cause of an awkward situation:

Marcus Lodge, No. 110, at Fredericktown, reported the loss of its charter in rather an amusing and peculiar way. It appears that this lodge kept its charter in at least a sacred spot, if not a secure one, between the leaves of the Bible. It happened, as it frequently does, that one of the brethren died, and while on the way to the cemetery the Bearer of the Great

Lights fell down and unceremoniously spilled the Great Lights all over Madison county. A very strong wind was blowing, many of the leaves of the Bible being loose, as is very common in lodge Bibles, the wind spread the Gospel, and along with it the charter, to the four quarters of the earth. I could not understand why the charter should be taken to the funeral, unless the dogma of the "visible presence" of the charter had, like the ancient landmark, such a firm hold upon the members that they believed that the deceased would not rest well without a strict constitutional interment. I was informed that it was customary to keep the charter in the Bible, and if the brother had not fallen all would have been well. The Secretary volunteered the timely information that the Bearer of the Great Lights was not intoxicated when he fell, as he was a minister of the Gospel. I ordered strict search to be made in and about Fredericktown to see if the charter might not be hidden in the recesses of the rocks. Search was made, the charter found, brought up and placed in a frame, no more to wander away. I have since learned that some lodges do carry the charter to the cemetery under the delusion that even the last rites could not be paid the deceased unless the charter was present.

Bro. Kuhn says that "if a Grand Master should violate the civil law as frequently as he is requested to violate the law of the Grand Lodge he would be obliged to spend the remainder of his days in the penitentiary."

A complimentary banquet and reception was given to the Grand Secretary, Bro. John D. Vincil, on the 50th anniversary of his being brought to light. Numerous golden presentations were made, and just tributes were rendered to "an efficient officer, a Christian gentleman, and an honored man."

The World's Fair at St. Louis attracted numbers of the Craft from foreign countries, and the Grand Lodge had to go into the "recognition" business quite extensively. The report of the Special Committee contains the following:

We therefore recommend that the following Grand Lodges be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Missouri: Queensland, Costa Rica, The Three Globes, Germany, Royal York, Saxony, Eclectic Union, Zur Sonne, Zur Eintracht of Concord. Denmark at Copenhagen, Sweden at Stockholm, Norway at Christiania, Netherlands (Holland).

Your committee has considered the Grand Lodges of Hamburg, Hungary, Alpina (Switzerland), Grand Orient of Belgium, Grand Orient of Italy and Grand Lodge of Peru, but are not in possession of sufficient information to warrant our further consideration for the present.

Their Masonic Home has been in operation for 18

years. They have 146 inmates, and the cost of maintenance for the year was \$23,467.18. The matron says:

Our children are happy and bright and good most of the time. They want me to express to you their thanks for the generous World's Fair fund that has been supplied them. It has been a great source of pleasure, and, I trust, a great benefit as well. The free days have helped out and made it possible for them to see many of the extra features of the Fair. We are entertained by stories of Hagenbeck's animals and the Boer war, and are kept busy keeping out of the way of Hale's Fire Fighters, while Cummings' wild Indians, with their paint and feathers, make the air ring with their war whoops. To use the phrase of the day, we are "the whole show."

The only thing we want real bad is an automobile ride.

We have done our best to keep our Home in readiness for the many visitors from everywhere that drop in on us at all times of the day. Even the superintendent donned the painter's garb and mounted the ladder to get the boys' rooms in order. The fresh paint and new chairs given by the O. E. S have made quite an improvement. It gives us real pleasure to meet our friends who are doing so much for us, and our girls are glad to show them through our Home.

The health is remarkable. Of course, we have to have mumps and measles occasionally to keep up with the times, but no broken bones or serious sickness. We always have some ailing ones among our old people, but they receive every attention from our faithful physicians and nurse, and the children visit them with flowers.

Bro. John D. Vincil presented his 27th report on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1903.

Lodges, 563; members, 39,080; increase, 1,675.

Leroy B. Valliant (St. Louis), G. M.

Shortly after the close of Grand Lodge, Bro. John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary, passed to his reward. He was 74 years of age, and had been Grand Secretary for 27 years. He was Grand Master in 1866. Bro. Vincil was undoubtedly a leader in the Craft, a man of great ability, successful both as an orator and a writer, genial and universally loved and esteemed. His loss will be deeply felt and greatly regretted.

MONTANA.

40th Communication, Helena, October 5th, 1904.

H. S. Hepner, G. M.

No fewer than four Past Grand Masters died during the year, all pioneers of Montana, helping to shape order

out of chaos. They were all present at the birth of the Order in Montana and aided in its strong and healthful growth.

The returns indicate a prosperous condition of the lodges. A new lodge was opened at Manhattan.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that it is unwise for any lodge or collection of lodges to use spirituous, malt, or vinous liquors as a part of the refreshments provided at any banquet or other Masonic function and the use of the same is hereby prohibited.

Resolved, That when an officer or enlisted man in the United States army shall have been actually present within the jurisdiction of Montana, in the service, for the period of twelve months, and of a local lodge for the period of six months, such presence shall be deemed a sufficient residence within the meaning of the sode of statutes to entitle such officer or enlisted man to petition for the degrees.

Resolved, That at the time of receiving the Third Degree, each brother be presented by his lodge with a copy of the official Monitor of this jurisdiction and a copy of our Code of Statutes.

Lodges, 51; members, 4,013; increase, 233.

Lew L. Callaway (Virginia City), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

47th Communication, Omaha, June 8, 1904.

Frank E. Bullard, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft the Grand Master says:

The returns will show a larger number of initiations than ever before in our history, and could we be assured that each and every candidate had first been prepared in his heart to receive the lessons of the Ancient Craft, the addition of more than one thousand earnest and zealous brethren would mean much in the future for all that Masonry stands for. Just so far, however, as they have been actuated by improper and unworthy motives, they are an element of weakness rather than of strength.

Although this apparent prosperity has been well distributed, we have a number of very weak lodges, incapable of doing their work with dignity and impressiveness, and still worse, by their lack of harmony, and of the true Masonic character, bringing the Order into disrepute in the community. These lodges should be either purged and cleansed of their iniquity, or be no longer suffered to exist. I am not a believer in human perfection, but there are mortal sins even in Masonry, and the brethren guilty of them should be made to feel the smart and sting of Masonic discipline.

Visiting a lodge in Omaha without notice, the Grand Master found an attendance of over eighty, but his pleasure was sadly marred by the cloud of smoke filling the lodge room. He takes occasion to say that smoking during the time that a lodge is open detracts greatly from the dignity of the meeting and should not be allowed. Such an occurrence would be unheard of in Canada.

Three new lodges were opened.

The Grand Master decided, contrary to most authorities, that a lodge room may be used for a private social party, "if nothing in connection therewith is calculated to disturb the harmony of the lodge." Suppose Tom Jones danced too often with the other fellow's girl, what would the committee on "harmony" do about it?

The conclusion of the address is excellent:

True Masonry is the upbuilding and uplifting of the individual character, and the welding of those characters into a compact harmonious society, having for its aim and object the advancement of everything that stands for more intelligent citizenship, more godly homes, and cleaner lives. The introduction into this society of imperfect, unprepared material weakens its force, destroys its influence, and nullifies its aim. The Masonic lodge should by the very character of its membership exert an active, forceful influence in the community where it exists, and where it does not we may rest assured that its portals have not been securely guarded, and that from mercenary or other unworthy motives its high standards of morality and righteousness have been lowered to the level of men yet in darkness, and without the knowledge of the truth. If this is true in any degree in the lodge you are here representing, let me urge that you apply the proper remedy ere disaster overtakes you.

The Grand Custodian held 411 sessions of official schools of instruction in 56 different lodges, with an aggregate attendance of 4,600. The work at these schools is thus specified:

At each school held, in addition to a review of the esoteric work, in every particular, a written report is made to the Grand Master covering the following points: Place, date, attendance, number of sessions, lodges represented, description, location, and condition of lodge room, and of jurisdiction, resident membership, liabilities, date of election, installation, fees, dues, delinquent dues, inventory of all property, indigent Masons, widows, orphans, relief expended, records covering ten points, compendium, parts 1, 2 and 3, proficiency of officers, jurisprudence seven points, number of meetings held (regular and special), attendance at each meeting, expense of each school, showing cash balance in my hands twice

each week, with such recommendations as I may deem for the interest of each particular case.

The new Masonic Home at Plattsmouth was formally dedicated, and the amendments increasing the Grand Lodge dues for the benefit of the Home were all carried.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Charles J. Phelps, and reviews our Proceedings of 1903.

Lodges, 236; members, 14,190; increase, 581.

Charles E. Burnham (Norfolk), G. M.

Francis E. White (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

40th Communication, Virginia City, June 14, 1904.

The severe illness of the Grand Master, Trenmor Coffin, preventing his presence, Bro. George Gillson, Deputy Grand Master, presided. Bro. Gillson was initiated in Manito Lodge, No. 90, G. R. C., a few months after the writer of this report, and shortly afterwards Bro. Gillson had the pleasure of seeing his father initiated in the same lodge. Manito lodge has now three Past Grand Masters to its credit.

Harmony prevails and the lodges are fairly prosperous.

The address of Bro. Coffin contains the following:

Masonry has wrought a wondrous work in this world of ours, and her work shall continue. Greater is the outlook for the future. It rests, however, upon the individual members. See to it, brethren, that you bear this well in mind. Dare to live Masonry! Let her principles become a part of your every day lives, a daily habit, a delight, an ever present inspiration, remembering that her teachings command that God is our Father; man is our brother. She places a firm reliance on the firmness of the individual. **A strong character** is her mainstay. Strength of mind is good; strength of heart and soul is better; but best of all is character. Character is Masonry's best builder. Character is Masonry's best defender. Irreligion, vice and crime hide their heads in its presence. Be character builders each one of you! Build squarely upon Masonry's impregnable truths. Do and dare! Go forth in Masonry's great name! Act well your part and all will be well!

The business transacted was of local interest only.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth, and reviews our Proceedings of 1903.

Lodges, 21; members, 985; increase, 41.

George Gillson (Carson City), G. M.

Chauncey N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

37th Communication, St. John, August 23, 1904.

Arthur I. Trueman, G. M.

The condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction is concisely set forth by the Grand Master:

Nothing can be more pleasing to a Grand Master than to be able to report the prevalence of peace, harmony and growth in his jurisdiction. It is my privilege to report that the condition of Masonry in this Province during the past year has been marked by a continuous and satisfactory growth, as well in the increase of its membership as in the improved character of its work. The balance in the hands of the treasurer has been substantially increased. No case has arisen that called for discipline. No important matter leading to dispute or division among the brethren has been brought to our attention. The fraternal feeling which should characterize Freemasonry has prevailed in the several lodges, and between those lodges and this body. That this harmony does not exist by reason of stagnation or indifference among the members of an institution is shown by the fact that our lodges are in a flourishing condition, and our Craftsmen have not forgotten the good works of love and charity.

The death is announced of Bro. Robert Marshall, P. G. M., who has been long a most prominent member. He was born in 1832 and was Grand Master in 1878 and 1879. He also filled a large number of public positions and was greatly esteemed and loved for his many kindly and generous acts.

The Grand Master visited every lodge in the jurisdiction and believes that these visits are of great service to the Craft.

It was solemnly decided that a lodge had no power to confer the rank of Past Master upon a brother who has not regularly passed the chair. It is a little singular to find one of their oldest lodges attempting such a procedure.

The application of Queensland for recognition was postponed.

A Past Master was present who had completed sixty-two years of active Masonry, and the Grand Lodge conferred upon W. Bro. Andrew Skillen the rank of P. S. G. W.

There is no extended report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 35; members, 2,145; increase, 78.

Edwin J. Everett (St. John), G. M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

115th Communication, Concord, May 18, 1904.

Harry M. Cheney, G. M.

Their new Masonic Home is now in practical operation. The per capita tax is seventy-five cents, of which fifty cents is to be used for Home purposes.

From being a firm believer in the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, the Grand Master has been compelled to recognize that it is an unreasonable practice and is doomed to extinction.

The reports of the District Deputies show the lodges to be in excellent condition, and harmony prevails.

Canada for 1903 receives fraternal attention. In his review of Virginia, Bro. A. S. Wait has the following on jurisdiction:

We have all our Masonic life been taught that, under our American system, residence by a profane within such territorial limits for the requisite time, gives such lodge jurisdiction over him for the purpose of receiving his application and conferring the degrees upon him, and that such jurisdiction is exclusive, though it may be waived in favor of another lodge. Before the requisite time has elapsed (generally one year) it is generally held that the lodge does not gain a matured jurisdiction, and consequently has none to waive. Does our brother dissent from this proposition? We will wait for his explanation before entering upon the discussion, if we do even then. It is certainly true that we regard territorial jurisdiction as modern, and we believe it unknown to English, Scottish or Irish Masonry, or elsewhere except upon the American continent, unless it may be in some jurisdictions of the southern Pacific islands. The latter have in many things evinced a disposition to follow American usages, and may have adopted this one to some extent. Of this we cannot with any confidence speak. It is an American idea, accepted as fundamental with us. In regard to it we have no controversy, but we believe a fair examination of its history will show that it has been the cause of more controversy, more heartburnings, and more bad blood, among American Masons, than all other causes put together.

Lodges, 79; members, 9,572; decrease, 12.

Henry I. Haselton (Manchester), G. M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

27th Communication, Albuquerque, October 17, 1904.

J. C. Slack, G. M.

The Grand Master refused the request of a lodge for joint occupancy with the Catholic Church. That such a

request should have been made seems remarkable, but the Grand Lodge ordered that the correspondence should not appear in the printed proceedings.

All the lodges are doing good work.

The Grand Lodge declared against perpetual jurisdiction.

In his review of Florida, Bro. W. H. Seamon has the following:

To my mind the greatest defect in Masonry is the lack of provision for the social side. While we have been struggling to maintain the Fraternity on a high plane of right living and morality, we have forgotten the *raison d'être*, the social features. Lodges are opened at night a few times in each month. At these meetings the visiting brother receives a hearty welcome, and the brethren forget the cares of the day and devote themselves to good fellowship. After a few hours the lodge is closed and Masonry is forgotten until the next meeting. I believe that there should be rooms in connection with every lodge in the country provided with means of entertainment, which will be open at all reasonable hours, where Masons—and their families, too—might gather at all leisure moments, where the stranger might be taken and entertained. Masonry initiates men into Masonry, teaches them many wise and serious truths, surrounds them with a lot of legislative “shall nots,” and then leaves them to pursue their paths in life without using any practical means to diminish the temptations which beset men at every hand. If you wish to fight intemperance and bad company, provide attractive places where temptations for evil do not exist and where the company is good. There are to-day organizations which are growing rapidly, and the cause of their growth is the club feature. The initiation of candidates is only an incident in their lives. The rooms are always open, and every hour one may find some there to help pass the idle hours away. These things cost money, and it may be said that Masonry cannot afford it. The majority of the members of these organizations are also Masons, and it will certainly not cost more for Masonic lodges to run these rooms than it does for the other organizations. This is a direction in which it would be well to progress, and progress rapidly. It is a practical way of fighting the evils of intemperance and illustrating the beauties of Masonry.

“Ontario” for 1904 receives a good notice.

Lodges, 23; members, 1,431; increase, 174.

George W. Ward (Las Vegas), G. M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings from June, 1903, to September, 1904.

Five quarterly and three special meetings.

The centenary of the dawn of Freemasonry in Australia was celebrated at a special meeting on July 20, 1903. In the early days there was much tribulation in the efforts of the brethren to establish a Masonic lodge:

The first such proved disastrous; as although it was alleged that "several of the officers of His Majesty's ships, together with some respectable inhabitants of Sydney, wished to establish a Masonic lodge," the Governor refused permission; and, on the movement being, nevertheless, proceeded with, promptly deported the leading spirit to Tasmania on the 16th May, 1803.

His Excellency next day repeated his prohibition of Masonic meetings, and, about a year afterwards, explained that "every soldier and other person would have been made a Freemason had not the most decided means been taken to prevent it." (Laughter).

His fears appear to have been well-founded, for, less than a week afterwards, the records already referred to, for which I am indebted to the researches of our Masonic Historian, R. W. Bro. Trivett, are supplemented by the following, which comes to me as an entry in the diary of a worthy member of the Craft in Adelaide, since deceased:

2nd May, 1803.—A number of Masons, meeting at the house of Sergt. Whittell, in Sydney, New South Wales, were arrested, and, after serious report, were discharged, as having no wilful intention to disturb the peace. (Laughter).

We have no history of the subsequent proceedings of these brethren; but after events would seem to show that it is at least probable they kept their zeal for the Craft warm and thereby influenced others, as the lodges which were generally attached to the regiments of soldiers on duty in Sydney evidently found among its inhabitants a sympathetic interest.

The ball which closed the celebration produced a net sum of £400 for the benefit of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

The Grand Inspector of Workings, with a full staff of district inspectors, kept a strict supervision of all the lodges. The Grand Officers are also detailed from time to time to make official visits. The results are seen in the uniformly favorable condition of the Craft and the continued practice of the moral and social virtues in accord with the principles of the Fraternity.

At the quarterly meeting held on September 14, 1904, the new Grand Lodge of Queensland was formally recognized after full discussion, the resolution being adopted with only five dissentients.

The Committee on Correspondence consists of five

members, all of whom take part in the work. Canada for 1903 receives a good notice.

Lodges, 198; members, 10,044; increase, 676.

John C. Remington (Sydney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G. S.

NEW YORK.

124th Communication, New York, May 2, 1905.

Frank H. Robinson, G. M.

The address opens as follows:

The Masonic year just passed has been an eventful one for the Craft. Much good has been accomplished. We have safely passed through a critical period in our history. We have given the world an example of open-handed, large-hearted generosity for which Masonry has so often stood as a synonym. As example is always better than precept, may we not take great comfort in charity actually accomplished? We have been drawn closer together by our common endeavor. Masonry has prospered as never before in all its history. The outer door has been well guarded, but our membership has grown without sacrificing quality-character. An unusual number of Masonic temples have been and are being erected in all parts of our State. We cannot but look with pardonable pride upon that which our Fraternity has done during the last twelve months. You have met with success because your united and brotherly spirit was irresistible and deserved success. You are entitled to all the blessings and praise. I am proud of you, and may a kind Providence ever keep you united in the good and noble works to which you have devoted so much of your time, talents and substance.

The Grand Master reports that he had caused bills to be prepared and introduced into the Legislature of the State making it a crime to advertise to confer or to confer any alleged Masonic degrees without authority of the Grand Lodge.

Twenty children from the Masonic Home entertained the Grand Lodge with songs and recitations. The Home has 303 inmates, and the per capita cost for the twelve months was \$206.68.

A charity ball given by the Knights Templars of the State proved a great success, the sum of nearly \$17,000 being realized.

Action was deferred on the application of Queensland for recognition, and the following was adopted:

Regarding the request of the Grand Lodge of France for the exchange of mutual representatives, your committee have

carefully investigated the position of the French Grand Body, also the decree of the Supreme Council relinquishing its supremacy over the Grand Lodge of France, which is now a sovereign Grand Body, with exclusive control over the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

As we have, however, been unable to establish the fact that the French Masons consider the belief in the Great Architect of the Universe an essential condition for the reception of candidates into the Fraternity, and as we have further learned, upon inquiry from an official source of the French Grand Lodge, that the belief in the Great Architect of the Universe with the French Craft is more of a "symbol" than a "dogma," contrary to the fundamental principles of the Ancient Craft, as held and determined by the Grand Loge of New York, we have no option but to recommend that the application of the Grand Lodge of France be declined.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, and contains a review of Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 767; members, 132,687; increase, 6,510.

Frank H. Robinson (Hornellsville), G. M.

Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

Annual Communication, Dunedin, May 4, 1904.

Herbert J. Williams, G. M.

The Board of Benevolence made grants to the amount of \$1,560, and the number of circular appeals for aid has been considerably curtailed. No others will be issued unless the regular funds are found insufficient.

The death is announced of their first Grand Master, Bro. Henry Thomson, at the age of 78. He was the moving spirit in the formation of the Grand Lodge.

The dispute with the Grand Lodge of Scotland still continues, and they have strong grounds of complaint at the unreasonable delay on the part of Scotland in dealing with the formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand without conditions.

There is also a small trouble with the Grand Lodge of England, which is assuming to revive a dormant lodge contrary to the terms of recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The latter body vigorously protests.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was recognized.

In the middle of the Pacific Ocean lie the Society Islands, and the Grand Orient of France has established a lodge there.

Lodge l'Océanie Française, No. 350, Tahiti.—A letter was received in February last from this lodge informing us

that the lodge has recently been opened at Papeete, Tahiti, under the authority of a charter issued by the Supreme Council for France of "The Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite," and proposing the establishment of friendly Masonic relations with us.

While the Board is desirous of cultivating the closest friendship with our brethren in Tahiti, we cannot recommend Grand Lodge to accede to the recognition of this lodge as a regular lodge because of the doubtful nature of its origin.

In view of the fact that there is regular commercial intercourse between New Zealand and Tahiti, and it having come to our knowledge already that members of the Craft under our jurisdiction have visited this lodge, we suggest that Grand Lodge should take the subject into consideration and consult with other Grand Lodges in Australasia regarding the policy to be observed in relation to this matter, and the whole question of the right to establish lodges in Polynesia.

The Grand Lodge procured the passage of a special Act of Parliament under the provisions of which all the property of Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges will be legally vested in trustees.

The finger-print system of identification was recommended to be adopted by the lodges to prevent fraud and imposture.

It was also recommended that the lodges should have a fixed date for their regular meetings "independent of the moon."

The whole of the lodges are strong and flourishing, and the raising of the initiation fee in a large number of the lodges indicates a wish to elevate the quality of new members.

Lodges, 128; members, 6,631; increase, 432.

Alfred H. Burton (Dunedin), G. M.

Malcolm Niccol (Dunedin), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

118th Communication, Raleigh, January 10, 1905.

W. S. Liddell, G. M.

The Grand Master had a busy year, although he had no complaints from either lodges or individuals. He reports eight new lodges.

In the report of the committee on the address of the Grand Master we find the following:

We would especially commend his zealous and earnest work in the interest of our great enterprise, the Masonic Temple, and his faithful, unselfish efforts in behalf of that grand charity, the Oxford Orphan Asylum, the pride of

Masonry in North Carolina, which will stand as a monument to our Order as long as there is love in the human heart for a destitute orphan child.

The following was adopted:

Whereas, We believe the building of the Masonic Temple is a matter of great importance to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and is fraught with much good for the future welfare and prosperity of Masonry in this State, and believing that the completion of the plans contemplated in regard to the temple will enable us to further prosecute the great work which this Grand Lodge is now doing in connection with the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and will further enable this Grand Lodge to consummate its desires in regard to establishing a home for aged and indigent Masons ; and,

Whereas, Our Committee on Masonic Temples has endeavored to mature its plans with prudence and economy and with a desire to complete the Temple as soon as possible, at the same time not to deviate from good business principles, and believing that every Mason in North Carolina should take an interest and a pride in the building of this temple and should aid the committee in its work and lighten its burden as much as we can ; and,

Whereas, The committee has undertaken to raise a specific amount in donations of \$10, payable in five annual instalments of \$2 each in order to lessen the debt as much as possible upon the temple ; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge indorses the action of the committee and believes that it is the duty of every Mason in North Carolina who is able to do so to obligate himself to give \$2 a year to this noble enterprise for the next five years, and that we heartily recommend and request every member of this Grand Lodge to feel that he is appointed a committee of one by this Grand Lodge to solicit contributions of this nature from every member, as far as he can, of their respective lodges, and report the result of such canvass to the Grand Secretary.

Bro. John A. Collins reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 333 ; members, 14,578 ; increase, 915.

W. S. Liddell (Charlotte), G. M.

John C. Drewry (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

15th Communication, Fargo, June 28, 1904.

James T. Blacklock, G. M.

He reports five new lodges.

Recognition was extended to no fewer than three Grand Lodges in Mexico, the Grand Lodge of the Argentine Republic and the Grand Lodge of Norway and Sweden.

There is nothing in creation like the American flag :

Resolved, That, agreeably to the recommendation of the Grand Master, the flag of our country shall be displayed at all sessions of the Grand Communications of this Grand Lodge in token of our reverence and esteem of the liberty that it proclaims to all our people.

And we recommend that this noble emblem of liberty be displayed in the halls of all particular lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction ;

And we further recommend that it be carried at the head of all Masonic processions upon occasions when it would be appropriate.

Owing to the illness of Bro. R. M. Carothers there is no report on correspondence.

Lodges, 72 ; members, 4,847 ; increase, 343.

James W. Foley (Bismarck), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

39th Communication, Halifax, June 8, 1904.

Hon. William Ross, G. M.

The Grand Master has had a remarkable career. He is 79 years of age, has been a Mason for over 51 years, was Grand Secretary for over 12 years, and is a member of the Senate of Canada. His political duties at Ottawa took up a large portion of his time, but the Craft was not at all neglected. In his excellent address we find the following remarks on their proposed Home for Aged Men :

It is now an established fact that ere long this Home will be in full operation in this city. Large and commodious premises have been purchased with all the land requisite for this much needed establishment. Until the whole debt on Freemasons' Hall, with a mortgage of \$10,000 and \$15,160 in debentures is removed, Grand Lodge will be unable to entertain the hope of erecting a Masonic Home, found so useful in other jurisdictions, particularly in Great Britain and the United States. In the circular addressed to all our lodges the proposition to establish ten rooms and beds in said Home is fully explained at a probably yearly cost of \$1,000. The committee having charge of this scheme, composed of prominent members of Grand Lodge, have so elaborately set their views before the Lodges and now before Grand Lodge that I need do no more than mention it to, I trust, receive the hearty approval of Grand Lodge. An additional charge of twenty-five cents from each member in good standing in all our lodges will insure a comfortable home for ten worthy brothers, who may now, to some extent, be receiving assistance from their respective lodges.

On the same subject the following was adopted:

"That this Grand Lodge pledge itself to place in the hands of Trustees to be appointed by the Grand Master a sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars per annum, to be applied in manner set forth in circular dated 15th February, 1904, towards the support of aged and indigent members of the Masonic Fraternity throughout the jurisdiction in the Home for Aged Men now being established in the city of Halifax;

"And that each lodge in the jurisdiction be asked to contribute annually a sum equal to or exceeding twenty-five cents for each member on the roll of said lodge as a voluntary contribution towards reimbursing Grand Lodge for this expenditure."

In his review of Canada for 1903 Bro. Thomas Mowbray says that the visit of Bro. Benjamin Allen to their Grand Lodge was much appreciated by the brethren, among whom he has many personal friends.

Lodges, 65; members, 4,171; increase, 289.

Charles R. Smith, K. C. (Amherst), G. M.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

95th Communication, Toledo, October 19, 1904.

O. P. Sperra, G. M.

One of the most distinguished Past Grand Masters died during the year. Bro. Stacker Williams was a great Masonic student and an intelligent collector of Masonic literature. Some years ago he gave his valuable library to the Grand Lodge.

Four new lodges were opened.

The Grand Master made many visitations and was much impressed with the character of the men belonging to the Fraternity.

The work of the 25 District Lecturers was for the most part satisfactory. Every lodge in the State was visited and written reports thereon sent to the Grand Master.

The special report of the Correspondence Committee contains the following list of clandestine lodges:

Spurious Lodges.—The list of the names of spurious so-called Masonic lodges having been largely increased since last reported, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence herewith submits the following amended list of clandestine bodies in the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States so far as obtained. Many of these, however, doubtless exist in name only. In this list the names of other so-called Cerneau bodies deemed equally clandestine are not included.

Illinois.

Amalia, No. 377, Chicago ; Lafayette, No. 214, Chicago ; Immanuel, No. 357, Chicago ; Justin, No. 204, Chicago ; York, Chicago.

Kentucky.

King Solomon, No. 1, Covington ; Washington, No. 2, Covington ; Jefferson, No. 3, Covington.

Louisiana.

A spurious Grand Lodge is said to have long existed in the State of Louisiana, but your committee has been unable to obtain the names of its subordinates.

Maryland.

An attempt has been recently made to establish spurious lodges in the city of Baltimore, in which it was advertised to be done under the auspices of a Second Grand Lodge in Ohio formed by "a division" in Grand Lodge, and other misstatements and misrepresentations usual to bogus degree peddlers, in which it was proposed to "confer all the degrees of Masonry the same as any other lodge of Masons" at reduced prices. Your committee has not been advised of any successful result of their efforts.

Massachusetts.

List of spurious concerns, called Masonic lodges, said to be operating in Boston and vicinity, under the direction of certain expelled Masons, rejected applicants, and other disreputable persons. Most of these traps for the unwary are mere names, a part of the system of pretense and brag practiced by swindlers.

Boston, August 30, 1904.

Boston, No. 295, Boston ; Massachusetts, No. 296, Boston ; Suffolk, No. 297, Boston ; Commonwealth, No. 298, Boston ; Mount Zion, No. 299, Lynn ; Mount Pleasant, No. 300, Dorchester ; Puritan, No. 301, Swampscott ; Somerville, No. 302, Somerville ; Mount Olive, No. 303, Boston ; Edwin Baker, No. 304, Providence, R. I. ; Chelsea, No. 305, Chelsea ; Mount Moriah, No. 306, Boston ; St. John's, No. 307, Dorchester ; Dorchester Union, No. 308, Dorchester ; Eureka, No. 309, Providence, R. I. ; King Solomon, No. 210, Brockton ; King Hiram, No. 311, Everett ; Bunker Hill, No. 312, Charlestown ; Pine Tree, No. 313, Portland, Me. ; Harmony, No. 314, Brockton ; Ancient Landmark, No. 1, Boston ; Palmyra, No. 2, Boston ; Haverhill, No. 3, Haverhill ; Bethlehem ; Caledonia, Dorchester ; Constantine, No. 15, Cambridge ; Lincoln, Newton ; Mount Lebanon, Malden ; Oriental Star, Watertown ; Valetta, Allston.

New York.

Banner, No. 1, New York ; Excelsior, New York ; Benjamin Franklin, New York ; Progressive, New York ; Triune, New York ; McKinley, New York ; International, New York ; Atlantide (by Gr. Or. France), New York.

New Hampshire.

Gentile (U. D.), East Manchester.

Oregon.

Baker, No. 55, Marshfield (mixed negroes and whites).

Ohio.

Ahiman, Newark ; Alliance, Alliance ; Alpha, Cleveland ; Bismarck, Cincinnati ; Brighton, Cincinnati ; Columbia, Columbus ; Dumah, Springfield ; Eureka, Cincinnati ; Franklin, Columbus ; Gem City, Dayton ; Globe, Toledo ; Hiram, Canton ; Independence, Youngstown ; Lessing, Toledo ; Lincoln, Toledo ; Lincoln, Cleveland ; Lincoln Goodale, Columbus ; Linton, Cincinnati ; Massillon, Massillon ; Mt. Tabor, Chillicothe, Myrtle, Mt. Vernon ; New England, Worthington ; Olentangy, Columbus ; Painesville, Painesville ; Progress, Cleveland ; Salem, New Salem ; Scioto Valley, Portsmouth ; Surprise, Olmsted Falls ; Summit, Akron ; Victor, Cleveland ; Vinton, Galloway ; Washington, Cincinnati ; West Mansfield, West Mansfield.

Pennsylvania.

Accacia Lodge, No. 44, McKeesport ; Accacia Lodge, No. 252, Philadelphia ; Agora Lodge, No. 6, Bethlehem ; Abraham Lincoln Lodge, No. 210, Philadelphia ; Christopher Columbus Lodge, No. 188, Philadelphia ; Federal Lodge, East Mauch Chunk ; Harmony Lodge, Pittsburg ; Hiram Lodge, No. 250, Philadelphia ; Jupiter Lodge, No. 249, Philadelphia ; Jerusalem Lodge, No. 247, Philadelphia ; Liberal Lodge, No. 9, Siegfried ; Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 256, Philadelphia ; Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 251, Philadelphia ; Pennsylvania Lodge, Allegheny City ; Pilgrim Lodge, Allentown ; St. John's Lodge, Weissport ; William McKinley Lodge, No. 264, Philadelphia ; Washington Lodge, No. 244, Hazelton ; Evergreen Chapter (Rose Croix), Philadelphia.

Of the Ohio so-called lodges, whilst some of them possibly never had any existence but in name for advertising purposes, there are others that were active in their spurious work that are now defunct, but their names are still used for the deception of the uninformed.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica, Tasmania, Western Australia, Valle de Mexico and the Grand Orient of Brazil.

The Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield has 149 inmates. The cost of maintenance for the year was \$27,187.88. The Grand Lodge voted \$6,000 to the Permanent Fund of the Home and \$6,000 to the Improvement Fund.

Bro. William M. Cunningham reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1903. On the symbolism of the lesser lights, he says:

As symbols, representatives, or correspondences, however they may be termed, are triplicate in their application—or in

their signification of end, cause, and effect—the same symbol or representative may have a very different signification and teach another equally, if not more, important lesson in another grade or in another ceremonial.

To the initiate representing one just emerging from the darkness of unregenerate life, the reception of light from the Sun of Righteousness, symbolized by the Sun, Faith in Divinity, represented by the Moon, and Truth, signified by the Worshipful Master, is significant of one of the higher lessons of the "new birth."

That "the three burning tapers" are the lesser lights and represent the Sun, Moon, and Master of the Lodge, is doubtless the intent of the lesson and not that the latter, instead of the tapers, are lesser lights.

That the Master and Wardens, in certain ceremonies of Freemasonry, symbolize the Sun in its course from its rising in the East, dispelling darkness and gloom—its beauty and glory at high twelve, with its setting at close of day, is taught in its ritual; that the Master and Wardens are each represented by a burning taper, and that the symbolic colors of the East are white, representing divine wisdom; of the west, red, signifying divine love; and of the south, blue, symbolizing divine truth; are but a part of the higher or spiritual significations sought to be inculcated by the symbolism of the Master and Wardens.

Lodges, 503; members, 58,243; increase, 3,178.

Clifford G. Ballou (Toledo), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OKLAHOMA.

13th Communication, Guthrie, February 14, 1905.

J. Frank Mathews, G. M.

He reports fourteen new lodges. On the qualifications of a Master Bro. Mathews says:

A lodge cannot be too careful in selecting their Master. The success and progress of the lodge depend above all others upon the Master. He should be a man of intelligence, good judgment and of good executive ability. Before a brother should be elected to the worthy position of W. M. he should have a thorough knowledge of the ritual and unwritten work and should be well versed in the Constitution and previous decisions of the Grand Masters. How often do we see a man elected W. M. of the lodge merely because he happens to have been the S. W. without any other qualification or recommendation? I believe it would be to the best interest of the lodge to retain its Master, should he be qualified, for at least two years, and in cases where he shows exceptional ability he should be retained even longer. Should this rule be followed the lodge would be more ably governed and the Grand Master saved much work, and I am thoroughly satisfied that the very common custom of rotation in office should be dis-

carded and a brother should be elected W. M. solely upon his merit and qualification for the office.

The business transacted was entirely local in interest.

Lodges, 126; members, 5,976; increase, 823.

George H. Phillips (Pawnee), G. M.

J. S. Hunt (Guthrie), G. S.

OREGON.

54th Communication, Portland, June 15, 1904.

S. M. Yoran, G. M.

The address evidences a faithful performance of duty. He opened a new lodge at Sumpter, and while the dispensation was being read an actual count showed 105 Masons in the room. Bro. Yoran thinks that the time limit for jurisdiction over rejected candidates should be not over five years. On his visitations he says:

During the year I have visited nearly half the lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction. This has required all the time I could consistently devote to the work. Under our present system of instruction in the unwritten work of the fraternity by Grand Lecturers, some may be led to infer that a Grand Master's visits are no longer serviceable or desirable to the Craft. Such an inference is erroneous. In all the lodges I have had the pleasure of visiting, the conviction has been forced upon me that our brethren are disposed to enter heartily into a consideration of all the obligations that result from being a Mason. I could not escape the impression that it was my duty, so far as time and ability would permit, to awaken, if possible, a clearer understanding of the nature of our obligations, and the exalted character of the intellectual and moral philosophy taught in all our ceremonials, and displayed in mute symbolisms. Many brethren are here with whom it was my pleasure to meet in their home lodge, and I hesitate not in saying that in those lodges we meet many of the most aggressive men in the commercial and social life of the community and the state.

The Custodian of the Work found a marked improvement in the work of the lodges as compared with previous visits. All seemed anxious to get the work just right.

In his review of Canada for 1903 Bro. J. M. Hodson has the following remarks anent the reports of our District Deputies, in which there is more truth than poetry:

The most cumbersome feature of their proceedings is the publishing in full the reports of the District Deputies, some of which are all right when they really have something to say, but a majority are only words, words and then some more

words until 247 closely printed pages were filled, and we doubt if there is a man living who ever read it all unless it is the proofreader. Just think, an average of nearly eighteen pages to the district. There would be a good opening for some fellow with a first-class condenser to get in some fine work.

Bro. Hodson does not agree with Bro. Robbins, of Georgia, in his views as to the recognition of Grand Lodges.

He does not seem to think that there is anything Masonic and sufficiently regular to be recognizable unless it has the full authority of the Grand Lodge of England evolved from King Athelstone down through the ages with a facsimile signature of authority and charter blown in the bottle. Hence he opposes successfully the recognition of such Grand Lodges as Costa Rica, Egypt or Sweden because a part or all of their lodges derived their first authority to organize from Scottish Rite sources. If the recognition of either by the Grand Lodge of Illinois was an essential to its existence or even a necessity to its success we should regard it as unfortunate. But as the situation is, we believing Masonry to be truly universal and the Scottish Rite being the only Masonry of many countries, and it being in all, each and every respect as legal and as truly Masonic as any York lodge on earth, we are in favor of recognition whenever the Ancient Craft degrees are segregated and formed into Grand Lodges. That is justice, and more it is the almost unanimous tendency and we hope to live long enough to witness the practical as well as the theoretical universality of the Fraternity.

Lodges, 105 ; members, 6,953 ; increase, 548.

Thomas Gray (Portland), G. M.

James F. Robinson (Eugene), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The most important additions to the library and museum during the year were the following :

Letter from and signed by Brother George Washington (1792), which reads as follows : .

“To the Ancient York Masons of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania :

“Gentlemen and Brothers : I received your kind congratulations with the purest sensations of fraternal affection—and from a heart deeply impressed with your generous wishes for my present and future happiness, I beg you to accept my thanks.

“At the same time I request you will be assured of my best wishes and earnest prayers for your happiness while you remain in this terrestrial mansion, and that we may hereafter

meet as brethren in the Eternal Temple of the Supreme Architect.

(Signed)

"G. Washington."

Official copy of the will of Brother Stephen Girard, with the signatures of the executors and register of wills, bound in full morocco and gilt.

The above were deposited by the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother William A. Sinn.

Masonic jewels, books, manuscripts, letters, etc., of Past Grand Master Brother Samuel C. Perkins.

Masonic jewels, medals, etc., of Past Master Brother Samuel I. Givin, of Roxborough Lodge, No. 135.

Masonic jewels and books of Past Grand High Priest Brother Richard M. Johnson.

Masonic jewel and apron of Past Master Brother Benjamin Karrick, of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19.

Apron of Brother George Ord, of Tun Tavern Lodge, Philadelphia (1754).

An elaborate Past Master's jewel, made of gold, silver and stones, of Past Master Brother John Bennett, of Benevolent Lodge, No. 142, New York (1839).

Silver repeating watch made in Geneva with Masonic emblems, and formerly owned by Brother Maxwell Summerville.

Programme of the dedication of the Masonic Temple, Chestnut street, June 24, 1811.

Curious circular announcing the exhibition of the Knights Templar degree at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1830. Tickets, 25c., to be had at the bar.

Copper-plate colored engraving, one of series entitled "Life in Philadelphia," showing two negroes in Masonic clothing discussing the Morgan episode (1828).

Polished onyx column surmounted with a key-stone made from the cover of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple (1873), Philadelphia.

Forty-two certificates of various dates, from 1786 to 1842. Among these is a certificate by one of the celebrated engravers of the early part of last century (David Edwin). This is a very large certificate with Masonic figures, symbols, and emblems in line and stipple. Although this was printed in 1804, it is the only copy extant, and has excited much interest among collectors.

The collection of Masonic medals and Chapter pennies now amounts to 768 pieces.

The collection of Masonic china pitchers, plates, etc., now number 86 pieces.

The wood statues which were formerly in the main corridor have, owing to the alterations and redecoration of the corridor, been placed in the library. These statues were carved from solid blocks of wood by Christopher Rush, the celebrated wood carver of the early part of last century. They were formerly in Peale's Museum, and were taken by the Grand Lodge for arrears in rent in 1852, and placed in the Grand Lodge room in the Temple on Chestnut street, and after this present Temple was completed they were brought here.

Large white silk banner of the Washington Benevolent So-

ciety of Philadelphia, with a fine portrait of Washington, in oil, after Stuart. Grand Lodge purchased the hall of this society in 1835.

This Grand Lodge holds Quarterly Communications. At the annual communication at Philadelphia on December 27, 1904, the Grand Master, Br. James W. Brown, delivered an excellent address, from which we make the following extracts:

The great prosperity of our subordinate lodges is attested by the large membership of a great many of them, principally those in the cities, and I have long felt that the true Masonic spirit would be more universal and Masonic intercourse more general if some lodges were not so large. It is impossible for the brethren to know one another in a lodge with a membership of four or five hundred, and I believe it would be better, when the lodges reach that number, if they would divide and start new lodges. It does not seem to be of any great importance to a lodge to attain an enormous membership, and certainly no member of any lodge has a right in any way to attempt to influence people to present their petitions to his lodge, unless they have signified a desire themselves.

It is a well-known fact, and should be patent to all Masons, that we in no measure throw our doors wide open to all seekers of the Masonic rites. Those who come within our portals should do so of their own free will and accord, and no temptation should be thrown in the way of novices who do not accede to this invariable rule.

The enforcement of the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks of Freemasonry is part of the duty of the Grand Master. This responsibility has been placed upon me, and my regard for my duty, as well as my affection for my brethren, will compel me to use every effort to keep them pure and unchanged, and as they have been handed down to us by our predecessors of past ages.

It is not only my duty, but yours, who are members of our ancient Fraternity, to prevent the introduction of innovations, and it is also our duty to prevent the abolition or obliteration of any of the ancient symbols.

I have long felt that it is the tendency of the age to lose sight of some of these ancient symbols. I have particularly in mind that the letter "G" was declared, not many years ago, not to be a Masonic symbol in Pennsylvania.

With that decision I have long differed, and at this time I take the occasion to restore it to its proper place as a Masonic symbol, signifying God, or Geometry.

The letter "G" was conspicuous in the lodge room wherein I was made a Mason, and it remained there, unquestioned, for many years, and until the use of the room was abandoned.

In connection with the Compasses and the Square, emblematical of the Great Lights in Freemasonry, it has been the most common symbol of Freemasonry known. It is recognized by all of our sister jurisdictions in this country, and

was always embroidered on the apron of the Grand Master until after the decision affecting it was made.

A new development in the physical perfection dogma appears in one of the decisions of the Grand Master, which is that "a man with more than five toes on one foot and a man with two thumbs on one hand are physically disqualified." A deficiency in one or other of these important adjuncts might be some justification for exclusion, but a surplusage surely ought to count in favor of the applicant. He has all the physical qualifications that the law requires and more too. In fact, he could give pointers, both pedal and digital, to all the rest of the brethren. By all means, let him in.

Instruction was given during the year to 2,049 brethren, representing 243 lodges, a very material increase over the previous year.

Electioneering for office is to be reduced to a science, or possibly it may be abolished. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the manner in which the names of brethren who may be candidates for the station of Junior Grand Warden, and for the stations of the elective officers of the subordinate lodges, should be presented to the members for support be referred to and defined by the Committee on Landmarks, which shall make a report thereon at the quarterly communication in March next.

In reply to a remark of Bro. Vanderlieth, of Nevada, about honest parents, Bro. James M. Lamberton has the following :

This sounds very well, but it does not apply. Freemasonry is not Christianity. Our brother seems to think that if a brother had served the Grand Lodge as a faithful and distinguished brother, and that if that brother's father some day should be found to be a defaulter, the son could not be made Grand Master ! We do not so understand the regulations. We fail to see how an illegitimate person can be "descended of honest parents." We regard legitimacy of birth on a par with freedom of birth. We are aware that the Grand Lodge of England in 1847 changed "freeborn" to "free agent," or "freeman," as it is now in the form of application or "declaration," printed in the Constitutions (edition of 1884) of that Grand Lodge to-day, although "freedom" is still printed in the "ancient charges" at page 6, but we do not think that that body had any right so to do. We regard it as a violation of the landmark. We can understand the appeal to sentiment which was made by the Earl of Zetland, the Grand Master at that time, but if sentiment is to prevail, we may as well abandon Masonry.

Canada for 1904 has fraternal mention.

Lodges, 447; members, 67,706; increase, 4,609.

James W. Brown (Philadelphia), G. M.

William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

29th Communication, Charlottetown, June 24, 1904.

Benjamin Rogers, G. M.

Peace and prosperity reign in their beloved island. The Grand Master visited all the lodges except one, and he says that they had a happy and fairly prosperous year.

The Grand Lecturer reported as follows:

The appointment of a Grand Lecturer, ever since I have been connected with this Grand Lodge, has merely been a matter of form: no lodge, as far as I am aware, ever having requested his services, and no report from the Grand Lecturer ever having been presented.

The position of Grand Lecturer is, if properly attended to, the most arduous and responsible in the Grand Lodge.

It is his duty, when requested by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, to visit the subordinate lodges and report any deviation from the ancient landmarks or the established ritual that he may observe, also to instruct the officers of such lodges as may request his services in the mode of working approved of by the Grand Lodge.

When the M. W. Grand Master honored me with the appointment last year I determined to do what I could to bring before Grand Lodge the different methods of conferring the several degrees as at present practised by the lodges in this jurisdiction, with a view to having uniformity in all degree work.

To this end, at the request of our M. W. Grand Master, I have accompanied him on as many of his official visits as I possibly could, and have taken notes of the way in which each lodge worked the degree exemplified for us, and particularly noted the parts where there was the greatest diversity in operation.

As, personally, I have not seen a degree exemplified in Grand Lodge, and as we have no ritual, I was in some cases not able to decide which method was correct, and so have made out a list of questions that cannot be embodied in this report and on which I will ask Grand Lodge to pass a vote as a guide to my successor in office.

He also recommended that a degree should be exemplified at each meeting of Grand Lodge. It was agreed that the work should be exemplified at next meeting of Grand Lodge, or at an earlier date, so that proper authority should be given to the Grand Lecturer for lodge instruction.

Lodges, 14; members, 604; decrease, 2.
Benjamin Rogers (Charlottetown), G. M.
Neil McKelvie (Summerside), G. S.

QUEBEC.

35th Communication, Montreal, January 25, 1905.

John B. Tressider, G. M.

The Grand Master reports that the past year has been the best in the history of the Grand Lodge, the accounts from the various districts are all replete with optimism, and the financial and numerical strength of the lodges have been substantially increased.

Bro. Tressider visited the Grand Lodges of Canada and New Brunswick and expresses in glowing terms the cordiality with which he was received.

In the report on the address we find the following:

Grand Lodge has undoubtedly listened with much gratification to the Grand Master's references to those truly Masonic ornaments, Benevolence and Charity. Most commendable, indeed, is the spirit referred to by the Grand Master, in the suggestion of some of the lodges to voluntarily increase their contribution to the Permanent Benevolent Fund. To be sharers in the promises belonging to cheerful givers is to be richly rewarded indeed. To experience and to enjoy the happiness and the blessedness of the giving that involves some self-sacrifice on the part of the giver is itself an ample reward. And your committee realizes the intimate connection between the increasing prosperity of the Craft in this jurisdiction and its recent establishment of the Permanent Benevolent Fund. In his recognition of the services rendered to the Craft by the trustees of this fund we feel the Grand Master has voiced the sentiments of this Grand Lodge.

The generosity of those brethren owning capital stock of the building in which we are now meeting, who have expressed their readiness to present it to this Grand Lodge for the purpose of aiding to make it its property, is worthy of all commendation; and we recommend that the Grand Master's suggestion for the appointment of a committee to act as trustees in the premises, be acted upon, and that he be and is hereby requested to appoint such a committee.

The application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was refused on the ground that a majority of the lodges in that jurisdiction did not join in the movement. It is also said that this is one of the essential conditions to the regular establishment of a new Grand Lodge, and that "this condition is of almost universal acceptance." These surprising statements are so directly

contrary to all our preconceived ideas about the formation of new Grand Lodges that we had to rub our eyes and look again. We have always been taught that any three regular lodges in territory in which there was no Grand Lodge could meet and form themselves into a Grand Lodge whether they constituted a majority of the lodges or not. It is not at all an essential condition that a majority of the lodges must join in the movement, nor is this condition of almost universal acceptance. It is, of course, very convenient to have a majority, but it is not essential. Quebec had it when they were organized, but we doubt if they considered it essential. They would probably have gone on just the same with a minority, and they would have been quite right in so doing.

A committee was appointed to procure a testimonial to commemorate the completion of the twenty-fifth year of faithful service of M. W. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns as Grand Treasurer.

In the introduction to his annual report Bro. E. T. D. Chambers has the following on the Congress at Brussels:

A careful perusal of the report of the proceedings—printed in the French language—of the so-called International Masonic Congress, held in 1904 at Brussels, leaves no room whatever for any doubt as to the wisdom of the Grand Lodges of all English speaking countries in abstaining from taking any part therein: not by any means that we believe in lingual any more than in national or religious dividing lines in Masonry, but because it is impossible for those who hold to the fundamental principles upon which legitimate Freemasonry is established, to recognize the legitimacy of many of those who took part in the Congress in question. As is generally known, this Congress was a continuation of that which sat at Geneva in 1902. The report of its proceedings reveals so high a standard of philosophic and historical research and study concerning Masonic and kindred sciences in many of the European lodges represented at the Congress, that one is inclined to blush for the comparatively insignificant amount of such work undertaken by Canadian and American lodges; and even, except in a few isolated cases, by individual members of the same.

How impossible it would be for British or North American Masonry to be represented at such a Congress as that of Brussels is shown by the fact that the unmasonic tenets of the Grand Orient of France were openly promulgated thereat without eliciting any dissent. This is scarcely surprising when it is recalled that almost all the so-called Masonic bodies represented were Orients of Latin origin, including those of France, Belgium, Spain and Italy, and Supreme Councils of Greece, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Mexico and Brazil.

Canada for 1904 receives kindly mention.
Lodges, 57; members, 4,709; increase, 275.
David A. Manson (Mansonville), G. M.
Will. H. Whyte (Montreal), G. S.

QUEENSLAND.

A convention of delegates was held in Brisbane, March 23, 1904, at which there were present 62 delegates, representing 37 lodges, 23 holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Ireland and 14 from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. None of the English lodges were represented.

Some of the reasons for the formation of the new Grand Lodge are given in the address of the chairman, Bro. A. M. Hertzburg:

It is well known that for a period of over forty years Masonry in this State has been represented by three divisions, viz., the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. There can be no doubt that each one of these three bodies started out upon their career with the truest feelings of Masonry, in order to accomplish the good that lies within the Craft and to which they intended to give full expression by deeds as well as by words, in their own onward career. I ask you, brethren, what has been the result? After a lapse of a lifetime what have any one of the three Constitutions, or the three Constitutions together, to show as a landmark to the outer world, or to our children, whom we hope to imbue with the spirit that pervades Masons, to justify their existence? It is true that individual lodges and District Grand Lodges have from time to time given relief to a few necessitous brethren and have helped the wanderer on his way, but I ask you, brethren, is that all that we exist for, or is that our only function as Masons? It is certainly one of them, but we have other and greater functions which are practically hopeless of accomplishment under three distinct jurisdictions among such a small population as ours.

Leaving this matter on one side for a moment, I would also point out what has been the dire result of three jurisdictions. It is well known to many of you, brethren, that instead of the healthy rivalry guided by the true Masonic spirit which should pervade all Masons, and which should have existed among the various Constitutions, we have developed a system which we can only compare to that of hucksters endeavoring to outbid each other for the wares which they have to offer. Lodges have been multiplied to an extent which the population never warranted; men who should never have been admitted into the fold of Masonry at all, and who were refused by one Constitution, have been able to gain admission into another, and to such an extent has this sort of thing progressed that it is within the knowledge of many of us that men are actually being admitted into the Craft on the system of time payment

for their initiation fees : that small communities whose numbers do hardly warrant the existence of one lodge have two, and what is worse still, that these two are almost at daggers drawn and will not even meet within the same walls, but have separate buildings to meet in. If anything were needed to bring contempt upon the Craft, surely, brethren, this sort of thing is bound to bring it, and if the outer world has not that regard for members of the Craft, which our noble teachings and the lives of the majority of our members warrant, it is not to be wondered at)? Masons are like all other minorities in a community : they are viewed with suspicion, and, like those minorities, they have the extra burden of not being judged by their best, but by their worst. A good Mason, if known to the outer world at all, is held to be a man who is just as he ought to be, but the bad one is taken, not as an excrescence of Masonry, but as a natural growth.

We know that in England, Ireland and Scotland, and in other parts of the world where there is unity of spirit and unity of effort, though irregularities may creep in, such scandals as have unfortunately appertained to some of the doings of Masons in Queensland could not possibly be perpetuated.

Again, those splendid examples of what Masonry should be and what it was instituted for, have practical proofs in the splendid institutions which have been established, and which demonstrate to all the utility of the Craft and the powerful factor for good that it is in the world. They have homes for destitute Masons wherein a brother is cared for without feeling under the least obligation for his necessities being relieved by his own brethren, and where the comfort necessary for a decaying Mason is administered with a brotherly hand and a free will; whilst we here are only to give temporary relief, and the alternative presenting itself for a decayed Mason is public charity as offered by such institutions as Dunwich. Again, look at the noble institutions for caring for the sons and daughters of deceased Masons? These in themselves are monuments that all Masons may be proud of, but withal, in the whole of Australia, though desire may have been strong, nothing has so far been accomplished in that direction.

Beyond that, there is also the duty which devolves upon Masons to look after their brethren in sickness, and though our numbers in Queensland are not sufficiently large to warrant even an attempt at a special institution or hospital for that purpose, yet I take it, it would be to the glory of the Craft and to the honor of Masons had either of the three Grand Lodges holding sway in this State for so long (and some having control of large sums of money), seen fit to endow two or three beds in our General Hospital which should be specially reserved for Masons.

These three objects, then, viz., "A Home for destitute brethren," "A fatherly care for the orphans of deceased brethren," and "A brotherly care for sick brethren," are aims which I hope the new Grand Lodge will set itself, and which are only possible of accomplishment if all the Masons of Queensland were united in one grand body for that purpose.

It is matters such as these, of true charity and of the proper warranty for our existence as a separate body, which have been the guiding motives in the present movement, as well as in the two previous attempts which unfortunately failed, and in addition it will give us absolute control over all Masons in this State and enable us to avoid anything and everything which may be a discredit to the Craft and thwart its progress towards that goal which we as Masons have set ourselves.

A detailed report of the proceedings of the Provisional Committee was read, after which a resolution was unanimously adopted that a Grand Lodge of Queensland should be formed.

The time for organization was fixed for April 25, 1904, and on that date 39 lodges were represented by 70 delegates.

The Constitution of New South Wales was adopted with certain changes, Grand Officers were elected, and the new body formally established.

A special communication was held at Brisbane, October 29, 1904, at which the officers were installed by the Grand Master of New South Wales, Bro. John C. Remington.

In the installation address Bro. Remington gives his reasons for recognition, in part as follows:

I realize fully our responsibility in so doing, for I have no doubt time will prove in this instance, as it has already done in two other of the Australasian Masonic territories where Sovereign Grand Lodges have been established, that the other Grand Lodges of the world will rely to a great extent upon New South Wales to have duly considered the circumstances with a full knowledge of the facts before she granted recognition. (Applause.) If not incumbent on me, it is therefore at all events desirable, that I should, as briefly as possible, set forth the considerations which guided us in thus deciding. We had to be assured that a reasonable proportion of the lodges already existing in Queensland had joined in the establishment of a Grand Lodge. How many this should be is one of the arguable points which the circumstances of each case must decide. We should hardly have been disposed to act upon the late Dr. Mackey's well known dictum that "three lodges are sufficient," unless, indeed, they were the only ones existing in the territory. But, on the other hand, we decline to agree with the assertion that there must be an absolute majority of the existing lodges in agreement to establish a Grand Lodge, and still less with the contention that there must be a majority of those holding under each constitution. (Applause.) The former condition would probably, and the latter almost certainly, prevent the establishment of any more new Grand Lodges anywhere.

What we had to decide was whether, seeing that thirty-nine lodges had actually declared the Grand Lodge formed, their

proceedings had been according to Masonic precedent, and, further, seemed likely to lead to more complete union of the Craft in Queensland. Comparison of the facts with experiences of the past having satisfied us on both points, we granted recognition, and I gladly accepted your Grand Master's invitation to perform the duty of installing him to-night. (Applause.) It is a pity the mother Grand Lodges, from which your lodges derived their origin, have not been unanimous in their decisions upon your appeal for recognition ; but this was hardly to be expected : nor need it discourage you, for recognition is sure to follow sooner or later, when you prove to them your strength and worthiness. (Applause.) It is not to be wondered at that the Grand Lodge of Ireland—which, by the way, I have the honor to represent in New South Wales—should have approved the new departure, because your Grand Master had dutifully asked her advice as to whether his position as Provincial Grand Master precluded him from heading, or even joining in, the movement in favor of autonomy.

It should be clearly understood, at least so I understand it, that you did not in any way ask "permission" to form a Grand Lodge, because that could neither be given nor refused, nor did the Grand Lodge of Ireland arrogate any such power to herself. Her views were admirably set forth by the Deputy Grand Master, my very valued friend and brother, Sir James Meredith, at the annual meeting on St. John's Day, the 26th December last, and his words have been already quoted to you by your Grand Master in his address after his election. In pursuance of her desire to foster in every way the formation of independent Grand Lodges in British colonies, the Grand Lodge of Ireland expressed not only willingness, but anxiety, that the Grand Lodge of Queensland should be established, provided only that the proper steps were taken in order that the Grand Lodge might be founded with all essential ceremonies and safeguards. (Applause.) I have no doubt that when the full report of to-night's proceedings reach Dublin the ruling powers will be more than satisfied that all things have been done decently and in order. (Loud applause.)

The answer from the Grand Lodge of England is not favorable ; how could it be ? I beg you not to be discouraged by the fact that the Grand Master, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, does not at present see fit to ask his Grand Lodge to extend recognition to you. The position taken by England towards Queensland is exactly the same as it was towards New South Wales over a quarter of a century ago, when the first Grand Lodge established in Australasia appealed for recognition and the District Grand Master under the English Constitution protested. The reply he received from the Grand Secretary of England was, "So long as you desire it, you will receive all the support which this Grand Lodge can afford." I deduced from that at the time, and I was then and continued for ten years afterwards a loyal member under the English Constitution, that the converse held true—namely, that the moment the lodges felt strong enough to walk alone,

the Mother Grand Lodge would say "Go in peace" without attempting any restrictive measures or resorting to threats of which nothing ought to be heard in Freemasonry. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

The case here is almost exactly parallel. The lodges under the English Constitution have, as we had in New South Wales, a venerable District Grand Master, universally respected by the Craft—(hear, hear)—who is naturally not in favor of any alteration of the status quo; and the Worshipful Masters and members of his lodges are equally naturally indisposed to do anything having even the appearance of disloyalty to their aged chief, whatever may be their private opinions as to the value and importance of a union of the Craft. Well, to you, and to them, and to all interested in the welfare of Freemasonry, my word to-night is—

Wait! my faith is large in time
And that which shapes it to some perfect end.

Bro. Remington also said that "one may be pardoned wondering why two of the greatest of all Grand Lodges should not be kindly disposed towards the honest and natural desires of lodges in distant parts of the empire for autonomy in Masonic government, just as they practically have it in the State."

In the address of the Grand Master we find the following:

As a matter of fact, and as I think most of you know—at any rate those who have taken leading parts in the formation of this Grand Lodge know—that of the 62 or 63 English lodges not a single lodge ever discussed the matter until, at any rate, after the formation of the Grand Lodge on the 25th April last. They were not allowed to discuss it except by dispensation, such dispensation being offered to them under almost impossible conditions. The 62 or 63 Scottish lodges were absolutely debarred under threat of suspension—(applause)—but still 14 of these lodges did discuss it, and I think in every lodge where it was discussed they joined in forming this Grand Lodge. (Applause.) The 26 Irish lodges were allowed to discuss it freely, because I, as the Provincial Grand Master of that Constitution, held that a matter so important, so vital to Freemasonry in Queensland as the establishment of a Grand Lodge should be thoroughly discussed by the brethren, and discussed in the only place where it is competent to discuss it—in the lodge itself. (Applause.) Those 26 Irish lodges discussed the matter freely and voluntarily and they passed the necessary resolution for forming this Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

A banquet followed the very interesting ceremonies, and in one of his speeches Bro. Remington emphasized one of the delicate points of the situation in this wise:

It is an utter misconception of the case to say that 113 lodges in Queensland have refused to join this movement. Refused—why, they have not been allowed to refuse or assent. (Loud applause.) It is perfectly true that, under the famous clause 218a of the Constitutions, which was passed to deal with the establishment of Grand Lodges by daughter lodges in other parts of the world, the District Grand Master has power to issue dispensations to lodges to meet and discuss the question, but he has also the power to say the way in which it is to be done. The District Grand Master, under the English Constitution here, has acted perfectly within his rights. The Constitution is a very broad one, and it empowers the District Grand Master to impose whatever conditions he thinks fit for the holding of these meetings. The conditions which he has imposed, whether unwittingly or otherwise, remind me very much of a great election battle in the land from which the Chaplain and myself derive our origin. The chairman, after the candidate had delivered a glowing oration, inquired, "Would any gentleman like to ask the candidate a question?" One of the free and independent electors arose and asked a question which it was rather indiscreet to answer. The moment the question was asked a member of the committee smote him on the head with a shillalah, and he subsided on the floor, whereupon the chairman blandly inquired, "Would any other gentleman like to ask a question?" (Laughter.) Now, brethren, that is not my idea of Freemasonry—(laughter)—or of free and independent discussion. As I said to you to-night, I did not think your meeting in 1889 was premature, nor do I think so now. In delving among my archives—and I suppose I have as complete a record of the past events in Masonry as anybody in New South Wales—I came across a letter which was written to me by a Wor. brother—whom I am disappointed not to see here to-night—who was one of the foremost movers in the attempt to bring about a union in 1889. He wrote to me about the matter then: "You will be glad to know that the meeting came off well—216 present—result, 209 ayes and 7 noes—84 I. C., 68 S. C., and 64 E. C." Why did nothing come of this? The hour had come, but not the man. Well, you have got the man now. (Applause.) Brethren, give him your support.

George S. Hutton (Brisbane), G. M.
Charles H. Harley (Brisbane), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

114th Communication, Providence, May 16, 1904.
William H. Walker, G. M.

Harmony and good fellowship appear to have prevailed among the Craft generally, and wherever difficulties have arisen they have been met, almost without exception, by an apparent determination to adjust them in a manner best calculated to redound to the credit of Masonry.

On clandestine lodges the Grand Master says:

During the past year parties from without the State, claiming authority from unexisting sources, have visited this city and have been actively engaged in the formation of so-called Masonic lodges. That their unworthy efforts have met with some degree of success, and that they have found some unfortunate dupes, cannot be denied. So far as I can learn, their work has been confined almost entirely to a class of people who are ignorant of the methods pursued by regular Craftsmen, and by reason of this ignorance some have yielded to the misrepresentations made and have purchased what they believed to be the rights and privileges of Masonry. While this invasion of our jurisdiction by such disreputable parties engaged in so dishonest a business can do no harm to our Fraternity, yet I feel that the Craft throughout the State should be cautioned, as a representative of this clandestine class might attempt to visit a lodge of regular Masons. It might be well for this Grand Body to instruct the Masters of subordinate lodges to demand certificates from all visiting strangers who are not properly avouched. This matter I leave in your hands for consideration.

On the same subject the following was adopted:

Ordered, That a subordinate lodge shall not examine any person presenting himself as a visitor unless he shall exhibit a diploma or certificate bearing the seal of a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge, showing his membership in a regular subordinate lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized.

At the dedication of a Masonic hall in Wakefield, the eulogy on Masonry was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Henry W. Rugg, and it was doubly interesting from the fact that he performed a similar service at the dedication of the first Masonic hall in Wakefield, thirty-two years before. We quote a few paragraphs:

Sometimes I ask myself what constitutes the real charm of Freemasonry which I have felt and known for almost fifty years. I cannot define it. I cannot explain it; but I know that Freemasonry has had a blessed power in my heart and on my life. Somehow or other it took firm hold of my affections and sympathies at the time I was admitted to the Fraternity. It has been a force of inspiration and help to me all along life's way from that time until now. I am glad and grateful that I have been privileged to walk in its light and fellowship for almost a half century, and that out of my experience I can testify all so heartily to its power and to its worth.

First of all, brethren, let us consider that ours is a unique institution. Freemasonry stands in a class by itself. It does not assimilate with or shape its course by the numerous

philanthropic societies of the present day. Against these associations and fraternities I have no word of adverse criticism to offer ; but I venture to affirm that the Masonic institution would lose much of its ancient prestige, much of its peculiar charm, by copying the methods of these other societies and following their order of procedure. Strength would depart from it, thus to assimilate or to imitate.

To modernize the Masonic system and organization, as some have proposed, would be to weaken its vitality and abridge its usefulness. Remove its ancient landmarks ; abolish its primitive forms ; make it over in ritual and ceremony ; in order to bring it into accord with some modern society, and its days would be numbered. It is healthy and strong to-day because of its individuality—because it occupies a unique and distinctive position—because a wise conservatism still holds the institution within appointed metes and bonds and inculcates respect for old-time laws and traditions.

So long as such intelligent conservatism shall govern the Craft—so long as the revolutionary tendencies which occasionally appear within the lines of the Fraternity are firmly resisted—so long as the ancient landmarks have the respect of brethren generally, just so long will this venerable institution of ours have a mission among men and be equipped with an adequate power for the accomplishment of that benign mission.

Lodges, 38 ; members, 6,091 ; increase, 208.

James E. Tillinghast (Providence), G. M.

S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G. S.

SCOTLAND.

Quarterly Communication, Edinburgh, May 5, 1904.

J. D. G. Dalrymple, Grand Master Depute, presiding.

A new district was erected, to be called The District Grand Lodge of Hong Kong and South China.

Charters were granted to new lodges in Queensland, Western Australia, Transvaal and Natal.

There was laid before the meeting an appeal by Brother Alexander F. Mackenzie, Past Master of Lodge St. Mary's Caledonia Operative, Inverness, No. 339, against the finding of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Invernessshire, in rejecting an appeal by him against the following resolution passed by Lodge No. 339 : "That it be remitted to the Standing Committee to enquire into the frequent rejection of worthy candidates for admission to this lodge."

The committee having considered the whole matter is of opinion that the motion as it stands is a competent one, and accordingly recommends Grand Committee to dismiss the appeal.

Report approved.

The Master and Wardens of Lodge Fergusson St. James,

Daily, No. 566, were in attendance, as per order of Grand Committee of date 21st April, 1904, in connection with breach of rule anent interval between degrees.

After explanations and expressions of regret by these brethren, it was agreed to refrain from suspending the lodge, but that the representatives be severely admonished from the chair. On this being communicated to them the representatives of the lodge thanked Grand Committee for the leniency shown them and promised a strict obedience to the Constitution and Laws in the future.

A breach of the same rule by Lodge St. Andrew, Cambeltoun, No. 601, was remitted to the Provincial Grand Master of Invernessshire for enquiry and report, with powers.

A list of extinct and dormant lodges was ordered to be incorporated in the forthcoming edition of the Constitution.

The Articles of Recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand were adjusted.

A number of brethren were suspended for joining in the formation of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland. This is the sort of thing that reminds me of Mrs. Partington trying to drive back with her broom the waves of the stormy Atlantic. In communities where men's minds are their own, and are permitted to do their own thinking, when they make up their minds that they want self-government, either in civil matters or in Masonic matters, they are going to have it, and not all the suspensions or edicts or any other such futile measures are going to affect the result. When the children get old enough and smart enough to keep house for themselves the parents should recognize the situation and bid them God speed instead of blustering and snarling because they cannot have their own way all the time.

On the Annuity Fund there are 167 annuitants in 435 lodges, receiving in all £1,745 per annum.

March 23, 1905:

It was unanimously agreed to appoint a special committee to meet the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland in order that joint action might be taken respecting the recognition in the respective jurisdictions, of decrees of suspension, exclusion and expulsion; as to the status and rights of Masters and Past Masters in the several jurisdictions; and as to the recognition of new Grand Lodges in the colonies or territories where the Three Grand Lodges exercise concurrent jurisdiction.

Hon. Charles M. Ramsay, G. M.
David Reid (Edinburgh), G. S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 20, 1904.

Sir S. J. Way, G. M.

His Excellency Sir George R. LeHunte, who is a member of the Craft, was, upon his arrival to assume the government of the State, presented with an address of welcome by the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Officers on behalf of the members of the Craft in this jurisdiction. His Excellency was pleased to make most gracious acknowledgment of the same, and to express his esteem and admiration for Freemasonry.

The Grand Inspector and his deputy visited a large number of the lodges and found the work carried on in a most creditable manner.

The Grand Secretary was absent through illness. The Grand Lodge gave him a bonus and three months' leave of absence to visit New Zealand to recruit.

Lodges, 44; members, 2,760; increase, 4.

Sir S. J. Way (Adelaide), G. M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

30th Communication, Yankton, June 14, 1904.

Byron P. Dague, G. M.

The Grand Master had a busy year. Three new lodges were formed. Peace and prosperity continue to prevail. The Grand Lecturer visited 54 lodges and the Grand Master thinks that if his services can be retained it will not be long before they have perfect uniformity in the work.

The Grand Lodge Library has been removed to Sioux Falls and is now in good shape.

In his review of Canada for 1903 Bro. Samuel A. Brown has the following on Belgium:

The Grand Lodge of Canada is in fraternal relation with Belgium, and has for Grand Representative near Belgium the man whose utterance to the effect that a belief in Deity is not exacted from candidates for initiation cannot be said yet to have been denied. We hope that our Canadian brethren will get a statement from Brother Houzeau de la Haie which will set the matter at rest.

We might say to Bro. Brown that we are trying to, but in all probability will not succeed.

Lodges, 103; members, 5,710; increase, 266.

Ivan W. Goodner (Pierre), G. M.

George A. Pettigrew (Sioux Falls), G. S.

TASMANIA.

Annual Communication, Launceston, February 24, 1905.

Hon. C. F. Davies, G. M.

On the making of new members Bro. Davies has the following good advice:

It is very essential in connection with the formation of new lodges, and the acquisition of members, that I should again emphasize the importance of circumspection in the proposal and election of candidates. In doing so I should like to premise that, though my remarks are not at the present time suggested by any abuse or want of consideration of members, still to be forewarned is to be forearmed. Although no eligible or worthy person should be precluded from becoming a Mason, his circumstances in life should justify a brother before accepting the responsibility of proposing him. The preliminary expenses which must be incurred, and the regular contributions to the lodges and other small calls, at times encroach unduly upon one's resources. To my mind, therefore, before proposing a candidate for Freemasonry Masons should indicate the prospective liability to those seeking admission to our Order. Ignorance of these facts is injurious to the Order, and cases have occasionally been brought under notice of the ill effects resulting therefrom. It is my duty, therefore, to urge upon the brethren prudence, to avoid placing a worthy man at a disadvantage through his being called upon to draw upon a limited income to keep in compliance with the rules of the Craft. Were this more generally considered the applications upon our benevolent fund would, I feel assured, be materially reduced, and we should be better able to assist the unfortunate who have always a strong claim upon our sympathy. I am hopeful that the gravity of the position will be impressed upon all of us, whose one desire is to see the healthy growth of the Order.

I regard Freemasonry as a luxury rather than a necessity—for, though it may be a means to an end, the opportunities of promoting the great principles of the Order are not confined to the members of the Craft, though the influences of the Order doubtless prove a great incentive to the practice of those qualities which are so prominently inculcated in all our ceremonies. The desire to become a Mason is a most laudable one, and the fact that our beloved King and members of the royal family, as well as some of the most eminent and distinguished men of the age and prominent citizens, are patrons and honored members of the Order, doubtless influences others to join the brotherhood, which at the present time constitutes the oldest, the most influential and philanthropical institution the world has known.

The Grand Inspectors report that the ceremonial work has been carried out with zealous proficiency and harmony

between the lodges and amongst the brethren has been well maintained.

Our representative is R. W. Bro. H. J. Wise, of Hobart, their Grand Treasurer, and their representative is R. W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster, of Toronto, P.D.D.G.M.

The rank of Past Grand Warden was conferred upon the Grand Secretary.

On his re-election for the tenth time the Grand Master was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel.

Lodges, 28; membership not given.

Hon. C. E. Davies, M. L. C. (Hobart), G. M.

John Hamilton (Hobart), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

91st Communication, Nashville, January 25, 1905.

James L. Sloan, G. M.

The Grand Master reports the Craft in excellent condition. He made 182 visits. Starting with an erroneous conception of the duties of the Grand Master at his official visits, Bro. Sloan speedily found out his mistake and placed himself on the right track:

In the earlier part of my visitations I tried to assist in the conferring of degrees. The result was that the entire time of the visit was taken up in degree work. Some lodges thinking the Grand Master should have plenty to do on his visit, when they received notice of his coming asked for special dispensations to confer degrees out of time so as he could get a job. I soon refused to do or assist in degree work. Sometimes the lodge, having no candidate, actually used a "dummy" to show the visitor how they could do the work if they only had a genuine candidate. I finally said in my notices of visits that no degree work should be done. I found that talking on matters of great Masonic interest entertained the members on the visits much more than degree work. I followed this course—the result must answer whether it was wise or not.

We also quote the following:

One hundred and five lodges were visited that never had a Grand Master to enter their lodge room before. Five of these made voluntary "thank offerings" to the Widows' and Orphans' Endowment Fund in commemoration of the event.

I have noticed in many lodges that I visited, a clan or set of brothers, who appear to be more closely attached to each other than the rest of the members. This class bears many names. By some of their brothers they are called "a clique," by others "the ring," but most generally they are called "the gang." This "gang" is the life of the lodge. It is at every

meeting of the lodge. It confers the degrees. It attends the funerals of the dead brothers. It visits the sick. It is active, pushing, vigorous, zealous and bright in the lectures. It is charitable to almost the extreme. It is not despondent or gloomy. It has no bitterness or venom. Now, strange to say, this "gang" is bitterly opposed in every lodge in which it exists. Some oppose every measure it advocates; they seem to see something wrong in every movement it favors. No matter what the "gang" is for, these others are "agin it," they will not attend the rehearsals of the work and lectures of the "gang," because they want to make changes and innovations, is the excuse. They grumble and howl at the "gang" and think it is dangerous and will bear watching. My observation and experience leads me to wish that these "gangs" may increase in numbers and membership. Brother, are you a member of the "gang?" If not, let me beg of you to stop snarling and grumbling at what it does but go and join the "gang."

The following report was adopted:

While upon the subject of rulings the committee unanimously and emphatically approve the Grand Master's recommendation that, for the protection and relief of the Grand Master, the declaration of the Grand Lodge made in 1869 be now placed in the permanent form of an edict, as follows:

"The Grand Master shall not make an official ruling except upon such questions as actually exist before some subordinate lodge which shall have been certified to him by such lodge or the Master thereof."

This edict, of course, is not to be construed as forbidding the Grand Master to give advice and counsel, whenever he may choose to do so. Its object is, and its effects should be, confined to the terms used. Its purpose is to prevent the opinion of the Grand Master on suppositious cases, often put before him merely to gratify curiosity or to settle a private contention on abstract Masonic law. It is hoped thus to confine decisions to actual cases, and for this it is recommended as an edict.

The Endowment Fund of the Home now amounts to over \$17,000. There are 128 inmates, and the per capita cost amounts to \$88.37.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 430; members, 19,420; increase, 915.

James W. Irwin (Savannah), G. M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G. S.

UTAH.

34th Communication, Ogden, January 17, 1905.

Richard L. Conely, G. M.

Harmony prevails and the quality of the material offered is closely scanned.

Porto Rico was recognized and the application of Queensland was postponed.

The Grand Lecturer is required to spend three days with each lodge in the jurisdiction teaching the standard work.

A proposition to allow the Past Masters of each lodge one vote in Grand Lodge was defeated.

The report on Correspondence is again by the Grand Secretary and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 11; members, 1213; increase, 62.

Charles S. Varian (Salt Lake City), G. M.

Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G. S.

VERMONT.

111th Communication, Burlington, June 15, 1904.

Olin W. Daley, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft he says:

From the information which has been given me in my various visitations and through the medium of correspondence, combined with the reports of the District Deputies and the annual returns of the lodges to the Grand Secretary, I find that the condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction is very satisfactory and prosperous. While it is true that some of the lodges are not as prosperous as I would wish, yet the average is such as to be a source of much congratulation.

Nothing to my knowledge has occurred with perhaps the exception of some minor differences which occasionally arise in some of the subordinate lodges, and which are generally of a local character, to disturb the activity, zeal, progress and harmony of our fraternity within our own borders.

Under their system of instruction the work of the Grand Lecturer is confined mainly to the district meetings, while the District Deputies attend to the individual lodges. Bro. Tillotson held 14 district meetings, which were "well attended, interesting, instructive and impressive, as well as socially successful."

In his review of Indiana Bro. Marsh O. Perkins has the following:

His exposition of the skeleton in the closet is rich and racy, even if of hideous proportions, and his plaintive query as to what is the lawful work of the jurisdiction is suggestive of the story of the boy who never had a mother. The "Webb work" is supposed to be the authorized standard, and a Master finds he must conform to it; that Webb probably never

had a work, and if he did the Master is prohibited by the law of Grand Lodge from having it in his possession ; that there is no authorized version of the " Webb work " in the archives, and if there was Grand Lodge would have no right to do it. There you have it in a nut-shell. If Grand Lodge has an authorized work it doesn't know it. It it hasn't it doesn't know that either. His experience during the year had led him to believe that conditions were even worse than reported by Grand Master Holloway. " Many of the officers of lodges are timid," and during inspection naturally disclosed " as little of the evil practices prevailing," ritualistically speaking, " as was possible to appease their consciences." " In all candor," cries the Grand Master, " is it not time for this Grand Lodge to publish and control its own ritual in order to remedy this evil ? "

In answer to his own question, he recommends that Grand Lodge adopt as the authorized ritual of the jurisdiction, the one presented in 1902 by the Committee on Rituals ; that a copy of the same be preserved in the archives of Grand Lodge, and edicts prohibiting cipher codes be amended so as not to include the official ritual. An attempt was made to drag the skeleton back into the closet by instructing the Grand Secretary to omit all reference to work " contained in the Grand Master's address or in the action taken by their Grand Lodge." The Grand Master forthwith descended to the floor, and evidently made a forceful protest, as when the vote was finally taken it was adverse to cutting out the questionable portion of the address. But whatever action Grand Lodge took on the ritual question itself remains a profound secret.

We notice the Grand Master questions, on the authority of one of the oldest Past Grand Masters, as to whether Webb ever taught any work to Barney that was communicated to " Rob " Morris, etc. That depends altogether on the meaning attached to the word. If by it he means " lectures," we may say, with no desire of contention or discussion, that in our judgment indisputable evidence can be produced to show that Morris' mnemonics are based in a great measure on the so-called Webb work, but that they vary from the same in a number of important, as well as minor, particulars. Beyond a doubt the nearest approach to the lectures arranged by Webb, to be found to-day in any jurisdiction, is the authorized ritual of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, adopted in 1817, received by Barney from Gleason, to whom he was referred because of pressure of business by Webb, and taught by Barney in person to Willson, Vermont's Grand Lecturer, for more than a half century.

Canada for 1903 receives due notice. Our benevolent record is called a most commendable one.

Lodges, 103 ; members, 11,288 ; increase, 305.

Olin W. Daley (White River Junction), G. M.

Henry H. Ross (Burlington), C. S.

VIRGINIA.

127th Communication, Richmond, February 14, 1905.

Thomas N. Davis, G. M.

The opening paragraphs of the address are certainly not of the stereotyped class. They betray an original mind and that of a thinker as well as a worker :

Brethren, "What is Masonry?"

I have never met two Masons of reasonable experience and intelligence who gave, in effect even, the same definite answer to this query, which was submitted to me by a friendly profane of atheistic and iconoclastic tendencies, very soon after I was made a Master Mason. I then evaded the issue by saying that my limited experience as a member of the Craft prevented my giving an intelligent reply, one that he would understand and properly appreciate.

Now, after forty years of active Masonic work, embracing and covering duties from the ground floor to the Grand East, I am yet without knowledge and experience enough to give a succinct and definite answer to the interrogatory, "What is Masonry?"

I know that I could not frame one so terse and compact that, after hearing it, all Virginia Masons would stand up and say, "That is the meat of the whole matter."

The philosopher tells us that man, though he separates himself from his fellow by the physical mountain and the intellectual doctrine, is, after all, generously gregarious in his nature and seeks the level of association with his kind.

If this be true he must have originated Masonry as a means to the end, for of all the organizations devised by the wit, wisdom and experience of man, this order of orders touches more points of the compass of our common human needs and nature than does any other whose record we know from history or tradition; in fact, it could not be otherwise, for beneath the universal surface is the great core of brotherly love, "which unites men of every country, sect and opinion."

Many are made Masons who take no further interest save and except to pay their stipend of dues and keep in fair standing. These may be termed surface Masons and whose use is to assist in supporting the inevitable expense which follows every effort of organized man. Of others "the scythe of time cuts the brittle thread of life," and of others, the undeposited and inoperative dimit does its work of disintegration; then again, through the gate, over whose portals is inscribed the legend, "non-payment of dues," may wander out and, few returning, swell the ranks of those derelicts known Masonically as non-affiliates.

These negative classes I dismiss and turn to the rare few—those splendid spirits whose inspiration and industry and whose efforts and esprit de corps is ever feeding the fires on the altars of Masonry.

THEY ARE BEFORE ME NOW.

The young and enthusiastic Mason who is charmed with the rhythm of the ritual ; he of maturer years who begins to penetrate the inner courts, and here and there catches faint glimpses of the high morality and human philosophy which dwell therein ; and he who has wrought his regular hours and earned the wages of knowledge and virtue and learned his duty to God and man, and who has clearer visions as to how that duty should be performed, and who has imbibed the great truth that, while Masonry is not a religion, there is a religion of Masonry which teaches him virtue and morality ; to be temperate, industrious, honest and just ; to be kind, compassionate and merciful ; to be benevolent, forbearing and patient, and, above all, to be truthful and to have in his heart the love of charity and the charity of love, so that when he steps to the great centre and selects his doctrine and denomination, he cannot, if he be a true Mason, be a partizan, for true Masonry conserves and preserves true religion.

Eight new lodges were opened.

The Committee on Appeals must be a wonder. They "carefully considered all matters brought before them and settled all troubles to the satisfaction of all parties."

A proposition from California to abolish Grand Representatives was met with a "no action" report, the committee considering that the appointment of such representatives was entirely in the hands of the Grand Master.

In his review of British Columbia Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston has the following :

We do unusually call our Committee on Work the "Working Committee," Bro. Smith. We are very proud of it, too. It consists of four lecturers and five other members from all parts of the State, and it holds and teaches our ritual without a fault as to a letter or syllable from year to year. Five days before our annual communication the committee meets and rehearses to see that no one is "off," and then exemplifies three times a day. We tolerate no cipher, or other written or printed aid, under penalty of punishment for un-Masonic conduct.

Canada for 1904 has fraternal mention.

Bro. Eggleston has some original ideas as to the origin of the Craft :

The argument that our Speculative System grew out of, or was formed in imitation of the operative guilds, is a proposition capable of being turned hind part before. We have for a long time been of opinion that those Guilds, such as the Masons Company, of London and its contemporaries and predecessors were organized by Speculative Masons or Freemasons. The Craft, organized as it was as a secret society, forbidding records of any sort, was the most natural possible

parent of the Guilds of Operative Masons. The immediate predecessor of our present Craft seems to have been an amalgamation of the two, and until recent times in Scotland Masters were all speculative, and Wardens operative Masons. The reason we have not sooner expressed the opinion above given has been simply for want of the backing of older Masonic writers. Freemasonry, essentially Hebraic and antedating Christianity, could not have originated in the early eighteenth century, and if it had it would have been stamped out as a heresy. Only in the last half of the nineteenth century did religious tolerance reach a point, since Christianity began, when our Craft could have begun its work and been permitted to exist, and we well know its existence to long antedate that period.

Lodges, 281; members, 15,846; increase, 845.

Thomas N. Davis (Lynchburg), G. M.

George W. Carrington (Richmond), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

47th Communication, Seattle, June 14, 1904.

Charles D. Atkins, G. M.

He reports eight new lodges.

The following special report of the Committee on Correspondence was adopted:

There have been referred to this committee a communication from the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Brazil (Grand Oriente e Supremo Conselho do Brazil), requesting an exchange of Grand Representatives, and one from the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica asking for recognition as a Sovereign Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The history of neither of these bodies is obscure. The Supreme Council of Brazil claims an existence from 1822, and counts among its officers and members some of the most distinguished citizens of that great republic.

Some account of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was given in the general report of this committee last year, and it seems unnecessary to repeat here what was said there further than to remind the brethren that the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica was organized a few years ago by four lodges, which owed their origin to a Supreme Council of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, which claims jurisdiction over Masonry in Costa Rica, and, so far as known, seems to be exercising an influence for good in that fair state.

From what has been said it will be seen that both of the bodies which have addressed us depend for their original legitimacy upon the alleged jurisdiction of Supreme Councils over the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry and their right to warrant lodges of Craft Masonry.

The Grand Lodge of Washington has never recognized or acknowledged that any Supreme Council possesses any such jurisdiction or right. Nor has it ever knowingly entered

into fraternal relations with any body of that origin, with the possible exception of one or two cases wherein regularly constituted lodges had united with Scottish Rite lodges in forming a Grand Body which, by long probation and long continued and consistent practice of Masonic principles has seemingly cured and atoned for any flaw in the original regularity of some of its constituent lodges.

Whether this Grand Lodge has or has not been wise in adhering through all these years to this conservative course—a course in which it has had the company of some of the most distinguished Grand Lodges in the world and the approval of most eminent Masonic scholars and jurists—your committee sees no occasion to discuss at this time. Its sole purpose in calling attention to the matter is to remind the Grand Lodge that to grant either of the applications under consideration would involve a complete change of policy on the part of this Grand Lodge—a change so radical and far-reaching that it should not be made, if made at all, without the most careful consideration and the most mature deliberation. In the case of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica the further deterrent fact exists that, according to the letter, at least, of its written law it appears to deny the existence of any landmarks which are superior in authority to regulations which it may choose to make.

Under these circumstances, your committee, without in any wise casting or wishing this Grand Lodge to cast, the slightest reflection upon the character or standing of either of these Grand Bodies, which have so courteously addressed this Grand Lodge, recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is not deemed for the best interest of Masonry to grant, at this time, the application of the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Brazil, asking for an exchange of Grand Representatives ; or that of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica asking for official recognition ; and that further consideration of said applications be deferred.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. H. UPTON, Committee.

A committee of nine was appointed to consider the establishment of a Masonic Home.

A special District Lecturer was appointed for the District of Alaska.

Bro. W. H. Upton's report is full of good things, but our space is being rapidly used up.

Lodges, 129; members, 7,961; increase, 905.

Edwin Hugh Van Patten (Dayton), G. M.

Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G. S.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Quarterly Communication, Perth, July 24, 1903.

J. W. Hackett, G. M.

We quote from the address as follows :

I have already called your attention to the progress we are making. The forward march of our Constitution is evidenced each quarter in a most encouraging manner by the increase of our membership, by the additions to our lodges, by their energetic working, by the growth of our funds, by the hearty and fraternal accord which everywhere prevails. It must be to our satisfaction to find our proceedings and position so favorably commented upon by our sister Grand Lodges, of which we are receiving constant testimony. I would call your attention to a pamphlet which has been issued by the Board of General Purposes, and which contains a second series of extracts from reports of Grand Lodges elsewhere, specially referring to the position and authority of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. As was to be expected all of those Grand Lodges which have examined into the subject express their full concurrence in our claim that we have absolute and unquestionable possession of this territory. They insist that "Masonic justice is on our side," that our position is "impregnable," that our rights are "indisputable," and that those who hold a contrary view must be guided by "unadulterated, unmasonic stubbornness." I notice that at the last quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Scotland in this State a resolution was adopted declaring that fraternal intercourse with the Western Australia Constitution should cease on the 15th August of the present year. I trust this resolution will not be construed by any of our members to prevent members of legitimate Scotch lodges, those in existence at the time of the creation of the Grand Lodge, from continuing those amicable Masonic relations which have hitherto prevailed. We shall be at all times glad to welcome those brethren into our lodges, and although it is impossible, without forfeiting our legality, and exposing ourselves to the charges of ignorance of Masonic law and contempt for its principles, to accord Masonic recognition to those lodges that have been unlawfully, and by an act of usurpation, formed in the territory since the establishment of this Constitution, yet are we at one, not only in our desire to recognize the rights of the older Scotch lodges, but to extend to them at all times the right hand of unreserved Masonic friendship. It is not easy indeed to understand the purpose of this resolution. There is much less difficulty in forecasting its effects. It may, however, be that to adopt this resolution seems to the logical Scotch mind the more sincere and straightforward method of proceeding. In view of the declaration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in October, 1901, that the Grand Lodge of Western Australia had been "irregularly formed," and its refusal to recognize this Grand Lodge, it may have appeared to our local Scotch Masons that the resolutions passed last May by the District Grand Lodge to withdraw all fraternal intercourse should, however belated in coming, be the natural consequence of the non-recognition of this Grand Lodge, and of insistence on the irregularity of its formation, and this is the

more likely when the resolutions of Scotland are set side by side with the unshaken persistent demand of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, that it is the one paramount, lawful and absolute Grand Lodge of the territory of Western Australia. This further difficulty must occur, however, to the logical Scotch mind—that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the same document in which it declared our illegitimacy, and condemned our formation as irregular, decided that Masonic intercourse between its District Grand Lodge and the members of the new and invading Constitution might be continued. It is, perhaps, to bring the utterances of the Grand Lodge of Scotland into a harmonious consistency that the District Grand Lodge of Scotland holding in this territory has taken upon itself the momentous step of over-ruling the permission granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland for fraternal intercourse between the two Constitutions. This is indeed an important advance in the declaration of District Grand Lodge rights. We are now familiar with what outside Masonic authorities have styled the “new and untenable” doctrine of Scotland, that there must be a consenting majority of lodges under all Constitutions to allow of the establishment of a Sovereign Grand Lodge in any territory whatever. We have now a still more startling development—the setting aside by a District Grand Lodge of the opinion of the mother Grand Lodge itself. That is to say, although the Grand Lodge not only declares fraternal intercourse legal, but even recommends it, yet a daughter District Lodge may set this ruling aside and even require its disregard by the members owing it allegiance. To the logician perhaps, however, there is no help for it, and to assure a consistent interpretation what seems an essential principle of Masonic loyalty must be swept away. So the position stands. We shall probably not be far wrong in believing that the resolution carried by the District Grand Lodge of Scotland does not represent the true feeling of the majority of our Scotch brethren in this State; but whether it does so or not I beg to assure them once more that our doors will be ever open to all their regular members, and while we cannot deny our legal Masonic rights, or acquiesce in the attempt to move the landmarks of Masonry, such as would be involved in the recognition of usurping private lodges, we trust that the agreeable intercourse happily maintained for so long between the members of the several Constitutions in the past shall be harmoniously continued and fostered in the future.

A member was suspended for twelve months for disclosing his ballot. He said he wanted the rejected applicant to know that he cast the black ball.

The annual Masonic charity ball was held at Government House, and the net proceeds amounted to over £70.

Another Scotch lodge transferred its allegiance to the new Grand Lodge. The transfer was authorized by a vote of 50 to 5.

Lodges, 69; members, 3,348; increase, 368.

Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D. D., Lord Bishop of Perth, G. M.

J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

40th Communication, Clarksburg, November 16, 1904.

George Hatch, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master shows that the Craft kept him very busy during the year. He reports four new lodges.

The Grand Lecturer and his Deputies and the District Deputies are all commended for diligence and zeal in the proper dissemination of the work and the increase of prosperity among the lodges.

A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of making the sale of intoxicating liquor a disqualification.

Bro. George W. Atkinson presented his nineteenth report on correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904. On the subject of Masonic Homes he emphasizes the position we have heretofore taken, that the home should be sufficiently endowed before opening to keep it going without depending on voluntary subscriptions or taxation. In some cases the expense of maintenance has been so great that it would have been cheaper to have boarded the inmates at a first-class hotel:

It is not my purpose to disparage the building of Masonic homes, but rather to urge my brethren to investigate the subject most carefully, and satisfy themselves that they are financially able to keep one going after it is constructed and opened up. The securing of necessary buildings and grounds are the smallest tax of a Masonic Home. The expense of maintaining it after it is once started is where the great burden falls, and the individual brothers are the ones who have to carry the load in the end. In my judgment no Grand Lodge should inaugurate a home unless it is properly and sufficiently endowed before its doors are opened for inmates. But mark you, I do not say that it is not the duty of every Grand Lodge of Masons on God's footstool to provide the necessary means to relieve the wants of every needy Mason within its jurisdiction. When Freemasonry abandons its indigent and helpless members and their widows and orphans, it has forsaken one of the greatest principles which underlies its edifice—Charity. When it does this it will crumble and fall. It is our duty as Masons to find those of our number who need help and help them. But I ask again, do we

have to build Masonic homes to do this ? Are there not other cheaper and equally effective ways to do it ? Think it over, brethren, and then do the best you can, and that is all that the laws of humanity and Masonry require at your hands.

Now please don't conclude that I am an enemy of Masonic homes.

Lodges, 124 ; members, 9,399 ; increase, 689.

L. H. Clarke (Kyle), G. M.

George W. Atkinson (Charleston), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

60th Communication, Milwaukee, June 14, 1904.

John Corscot, G. M.

The year has been one of peace and prosperity. The death is reported of Past Grand Master Gabriel Bouck, who was a familiar figure in Grand Lodge for over fifty years. He was Grand Steward in 1852, Grand Master in 1860, and again in 1869 and 1870. He was a man of strong intellectual powers, a just man with a tender heart. Deeds of charity were scattered all through his life.

Two new lodges were formed. We quote three decisions, the first contains a novelty and was reversed by the Grand Lodge :

1. Question : If a lodge grants permission, is there any objection to the use of a lodge room by the Jews for their days of atonement and prayer ?

Answer : No.

2. Question : Has a brother a right to tell either of accused or accuser at a Masonic trial, how a brother voted ?

Answer : No.

3. Question : Is it permitted a lodge to allow the Order of the Eastern Star to fasten their Star carpet to the floor and thus permitting the Masonic Altar to rest permanently thereon ?

Answer : No.

The Grand Master condemned Masonic fairs and advocates the increase of the remuneration of the Correspondence Committee :

The question of holding a Masonic fair has been brought to the attention of the Grand Master by members of one of the subordinate lodges. If the conduct of the fair were on the order of the least objectionable of church fairs, where articles were exhibited and afterwards sold to the highest bidder, and where there was no lottery, gambling or other objectionable features connected therewith, it might be permis-

sible to give the fair the sanction of the Grand Lodge ; but if the chief attraction at such fairs is to be the spectacular display of Masonic emblems and Masonic clothing then the brethren had far better maintain the dignity of the Craft and forego this questionable method of raising funds, even for charitable purposes.

We are at peace with our brethren everywhere, as will appear from the excellent, unexcelled report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks, whose report for the current year is earnestly commended to your careful perusal and candid consideration. Advance copies of the report are on the Grand Secretary's desk for distribution.

In this connection, permit me to call your attention to the amount of time, labor and care spent in the work of review and preparation of this very able contribution to the literature of Masonry, and to the fact that the meagre compensation of \$300.00 allowed Past Grand Master Jenks for this work. It is unquestionably worth double the amount paid, and it is earnestly recommended that the compensation be made at least \$600.00 for the last year, and that in the future payment for this service be made in the months of December and June of the Masonic year for which the report of the committee is made.

The hat was passed for the relief of a brother, the donations not to exceed twenty-five cents each, and the result was \$94.00.

An edict was unanimously adopted that "The holding of Masonic fairs, gift enterprises or public entertainments of any nature for gain, are forbidden, and no lodge or body of Masons, as Masons, shall take part or participate therein."

The remuneration of the Chairman of Correspondence was increased from \$300 to \$600.

Bro. Aldro Jenks presented his seventh report on Correspondence. On the defeat of a "Home" resolution in Alabama, Bro. Jenks says:

To an impartial observer it would seem as if the majority of the Craft were entirely competent to pass upon the question. They are in a position to know the needs of the Craft. Many jurisdictions have ascertained to their sorrow that this is not the most economical method of administering Masonic charity. They have also found out by like experience that it does not reach in many cases those most worthy of assistance. If, therefore, the majority of the brethren deem it wisest to bestow their charity in secret, as they have done before for many years, why should not this determination be respected ?

In this connection we note that one of the lodges in the State has had a Widows' and Orphans' Home in practical operation for nearly two years. It appears that an aged

widow and orphan daughter of a deceased Master Mason resided in the jurisdiction of a lodge other than the one in which the husband and father had held his membership. This lodge failed to assist them, but the lodge within whose jurisdiction they had become domiciled purchased the ground and erected a comfortable home for this widow and orphan, and there cared for them with true Masonic charity. Such a practical exemplification of Masonic charity is sufficient to acquit our Alabama brethren of any suspicion of having rejected this proposition through selfishness or other unworthy motives.

In his notice of Canada for 1903 we find the following:

Two hundred and fifty pages are again taken up with reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters. They consist as usual in such cases almost entirely of accounts of official visits paid to the different lodges, and acknowledgments of social amenities enjoyed by them on these occasions. Outside of the proofreader and perhaps the committee to which these reports are referred, we think it safe to say that no one reads them all. In one instance we find three pages devoted to rulings made by one of these District Deputy Grand Masters on questions of Masonic law, which should more properly be referred to the Grand Master. It is no concern of ours, but we would suggest the advisability of omitting these reports from the published proceedings, and giving Bro. Robertson greater scope in preparing and publishing his report on Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges, 253; members, 20,571; increase, 858.

David H. Wright (Madison), G. M.

William W. Perry (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

30th Communication, Evanston, August 17, 1904.

T. S. Taliaferro, Jr., G. M.

A distinguished visitor was present in the person of the Grand Secretary of Utah, Bro. Christopher Diehl.

On the internal relations of the jurisdiction the Grand Master says:

Although my official visitations have not been as numerous as I had hoped, yet I have been in constant communication with and supervision of every portion of the grand jurisdiction, and its Masonic welfare has had my earnest and constant care. I have traveled much in the past year, have gone up and down the State, in and among our brothers, in their homes, and in their daily lives, and I am happy to say to this Grand Communication, and through it to a wider world—to our brethren everywhere—that peace and harmony, brotherly love, relief and truth prevail among us, and with that charity which thinketh no evil, that prudence which

speakeeth no wrong, and temperance and justice and fortitude and the other virtues which are the tenets and the cardinal points of our institution, are upheld as the ideals of the perfect citizenship of this young commonwealth. It is the "perfect character," the "cubical stone" of manhood, which our brethren must strive to obtain, while with naked and bleeding feet, in the darkness of perplexity and doubt, bound fast by the cable tow of passion and prejudice, they struggle up the hill of life in search of the light and blessings of a better and holier day. No discord or dissension has marred the harmonious proportions of our stately edifice. We are, so far as my observation can discern, dwelling together as brothers should—in unity. Our increase in membership is greater than ever before for the same period of time, and the applicants for our favors have been unexceptionable in their lives and in their various callings.

Bro. Taliaferro impressed upon the brethren the importance of the proper care and protection of the lodge records, the loss of which has been a grievous misfortune in the past, not only to the lodge but to the Craft in general.

One of the decisions is that the vote on an application for waiver of jurisdiction should be by ballot and should be unanimous. The same reasons apply as to an original application for initiation.

Two new lodges were opened.

On the official work the Grand Master says:

I have, during my term, critically examined the so-called "official work," and find that I have no particular quarrel therewith. True, I think in some instances it is historically, or, as some of my brethren would have me put it, traditionally, incorrect, and that in a measure the quaint, antique, rich and oriental expression of the older work has been somewhat sacrificed by modern tinkering, yet I am one of those who can maintain that one side of a shield is silvery without denying that the other side is gold. I am not a "uniformist" in the narrow and obnoxious sense of the term, but rather inclined to the view that there should not be too much looseness on the one hand nor stillness on the other; that there should be sufficient latitude to allow, in a degree, the individuality of the worker. To illustrate, the strict conformist of this jurisdiction, if I understand him correctly, lays down the rule that nothing can be said or done in conferring degrees, and in lectures upon the same, except that which bears the official approval of the Grand Lodge. He would hold that the Grand Master was amenable to criticism if he (as I did at Cheyenne) sat approvingly and listened to a charge being given to a class, which charge was the entire composition of the lecturer and not contained in any work officially approved by the Grand Lodge. I know some of my brothers will feel shocked

at this expression, and some may feel that the Grand Master, in doing so, has violated Section 47 of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge concerning Masonic lectures. My only excuse is that I do not read the law in the same light as do my strict conformist brethren. May be we must have some contention. What the ritual is to the churchman and the tariff is to the politician, so I conceive the "right work" is to the Mason. Mankind needs a bone of contention to keep him employed, and consequently out of trouble, and when all other harmless things seem to fail, ritual, tariff and the "right work" can invariably be relied upon as the "golden apple of discord," and as invariably proves a blessing in disguise, for "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do."

There were no appeals or grievances, indicating an excellent degree of harmony in the lodges.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall presents the report on Correspondence. He hopes it will "prove acceptable to all readers and especially to our brother reviewers." We differ. These reports are written primarily for the brethren of our own jurisdiction. Canada for 1903 has due notice. On the disparity in matters of legislation Bro. Kuykendall has the following remarks as to a uniform code of laws:

Such a code, based upon common sense, might have been adopted directly after the first Grand Lodges were established in this country if the main promoters had not been so busy trying to surround Masonry with mystery and obedience to one man power. Younger jurisdictions, in adopting laws, have, to some extent, profited by the mistakes of their elders, and probably would not now agree to run the risk of a change. The Masonic congresses held have dealt solely with other questions instead of trying to agree upon such a code, which might have met with the approval of all, or at least a majority, of Grand Lodges. A General Grand Lodge would provide uniformity, but neither it or a congress are practicable now or in the near future, and we are destined to grind along with laws, usages and customs of one jurisdiction diametrically opposed to those of an adjoining jurisdiction. So-called landmarks and the prerogative doctrine are mainly responsible for such a state of affairs. We have from the first pointed out the want of uniformity referred to, and for so doing have been classed as a progressive, etc. We are glad to know that our brother, as well as many others, see what we have been calling attention to for years past.

Lodges, 23; members, 1,649; increase, 161.

Frank A. Luckfield (Rawlins), G. M.

William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

55th Communication, San Francisco, October 11, 1904.
Charles W. Nutting, G. M.

The Grand Master reports a year of unusual activity. He strongly condemns the use of political methods in Grand Lodge.

Their Masonic Home has 124 inmates. The care of these will range from \$200 to \$220 per capita per year, as they "furnish everything from toothbrush up."

In the report of the Grand Lecturer we find the following instructions as to the use of the evergreen at funerals, which, if generally adopted, would correct the slipshod manner in which this part of the ceremony is sometimes performed:

When the lodge has arrived at the grave, the Master at the head, the Senior Warden at the foot, and the Junior Warden at the left and between the Master and Senior Warden, the Master reads or recites the funeral service until he reaches the point at which the acacia is to be dropped. He then steps to the left to a position even with the shoulder of the body and facing the grave says, as he presses with his right hand the acacia to his left breast: "We cherish his memory here," then as he points upward with the acacia, he says: "We commend his spirit to God," then, as he drops the acacia into the grave he says: "We consign his body to the grave."

The officers and brethren then move in procession, single file, around the grave, each one stopping at the point where the Master stood to drop the acacia, and each brother there faces the grave, repeats the action or gestures of the Master in dropping the acacia, but omits the words used by the Master. All the brethren after thus passing around the grave and dropping the acacia will be in the same position that they were before starting to move. The Master then proceeds to finish the ceremony.

A standing regulation was adopted setting apart each year \$300 to purchase a testimonial for the retiring Grand Master.

A lodge in Honolulu, Hawaii, holding under the Supreme Council of France, petitioned the Grand Lodge for a warrant, but the request was declined, for the following reasons:

We are of the opinion that it would be inexpedient to finally act upon this petition at this Communication of the Grand Lodge. The proposition to accept, as one of our family of lodges, a lodge chartered and constituted under another Grand Body is a new one, so far, at least, as this Grand

Lodge is concerned, and we doubt whether under our Constitution any such procedure would be warranted. Our Constitution provides, in great detail, the method by which a lodge may be organized, and the circumstances under which a dispensation or charter may be granted, and it may well be doubted whether any other method can legally be followed. Were we satisfied as to the legality of the method suggested, we are of the opinion that no dispensation or charter should be ordered while the lodge is a subordinate of another Grand Body ; and further, that no such action should be taken until after full investigation as to the origin of the lodge, its history, work and membership.

It was decided that no lodge could receive the petition of a seafaring man who has no residence except on board ship.

Canada for 1903 receives due notice at the hands of Bro. William A. Davies.

Lodges, 291 ; members, 29,468 ; increase, 2,390.

George W. Hunter (Eureka), G. M.

George Johnson (San Francisco), G. S.

PROCEEDINGS NOT RECEIVED.

The following Proceedings have not come to hand at the date of closing this report: Michigan, 1905 ; Mississippi, 1905 ; New Jersey, 1905 ; South Carolina, 1904 ; Texas, 1904, and Victoria, 1903-4.

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Colorado	1904	New Zealand	1904
Connecticut	1905	North Carolina	1905
Costa Rica	1904	North Dakota	1904
Cuba	1904	Nova Scotia	1904
Delaware	1904	Ohio	1904
Dist. Columbia	1904	Oklahoma	1905
England	1904	Oregon	1904
Florida	1905	Pennsylvania	1904
Georgia	1904	Prince Edward Is.	1904
Idaho	1904	Quebec	1905
Illinois	1904	Queensland	1904
Indiana	1905	Rhode Island	1904
Indian Territory	1904	Scotland	1904
Iowa	1904	South Australia	1904
Kansas	1905	South Dakota	1904
Kentucky	1904	Tasmania	1905
Louisiana	1905	Tennessee	1905
Maine	1904	Utah	1905
Manitoba	1904	Vermont	1904
Maryland	1904	Virginia	1905
Massachusetts	1904	Washington	1904
Minnesota	1905	Western Australia	1904
Missouri	1904	West Virginia	1904
Montana	1904	Wisconsin	1904
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All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

COLLINGWOOD, June 27, 1905.

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